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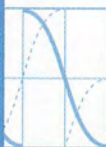


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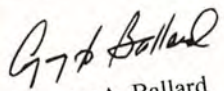
As in the past, the City of Indianapolis has worked with the Big Ten Conference, Indiana Sports Corporation, and hundreds of volunteers to guarantee a great experience for student-athletes, coaches, administrators, alumni, and fans alike. Planned events include Big Ten Fan Fest, the Big Ten Restaurant Pairing Program featuring Legends and Leaders establishments, youth clinics, SaturDAY of Service, the RV Nation, and the Big Ten Virtual Career Fair.

Our downtown is highlighted by remarkable convenience, with dozens of hotels, restaurants, cultural attractions, shopping and nightlife all within a few steps of the Stadium. Georgia Street is ready for a Big Ten tailgate party.

We want you to feel at home here in Indianapolis and enjoy our Hoosier Hospitality. We are glad you are here and hope you enjoy this championship game in Lucas Oil Stadium, home to Super Bowl XLVI, and one of the world's finest football facilities.

Best regards,




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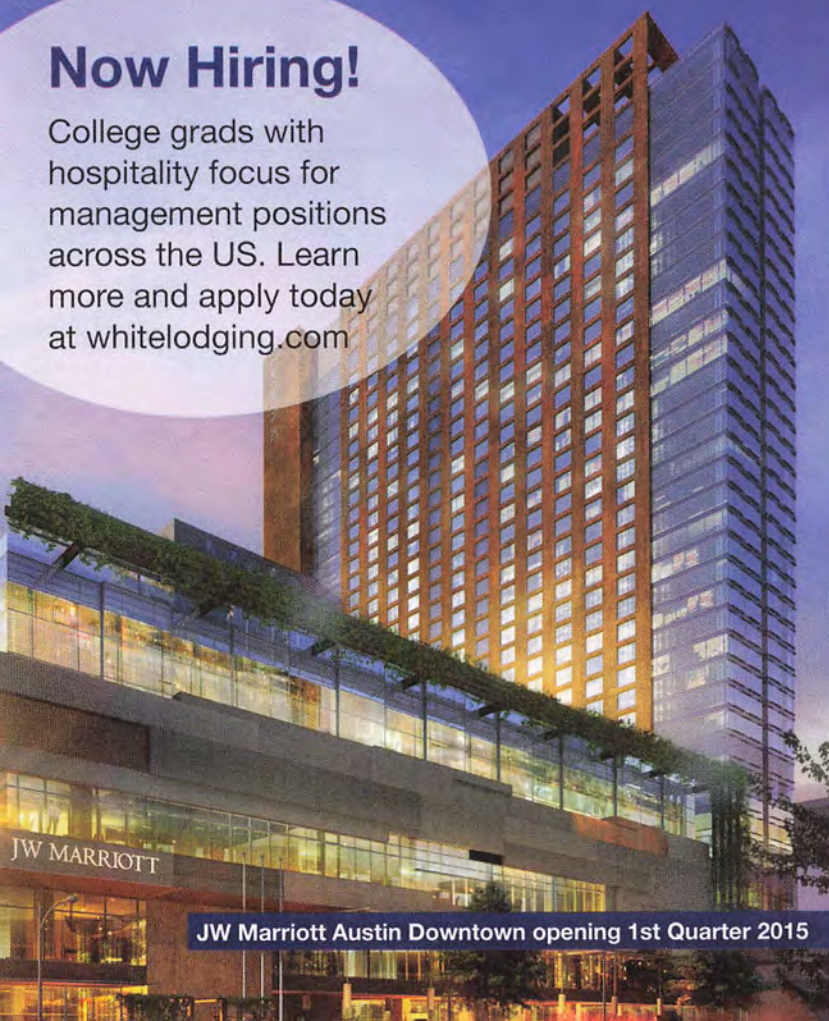
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Dear Big Ten Football Fans:

The Big Ten Conference is pleased to welcome you to Indianapolis and Lucas Oil Stadium for the 2012 Big Ten Football Championship Game. Last year's inaugural event was a great success, and we look forward to another exciting game this evening.

For over a century, the pursuit of academic excellence has been a guiding principal for all of our member institutions. Our student-athletes have been challenged to be successful not only on the field, but in the classroom and throughout their communities as well. They welcome your support in all of these endeavors.

As a conference, we ask our student-athletes, coaches and administrators to both promote and practice good sportsmanship. We ask the same of you, our fans. Please cheer for your team, respect your opponent, and be gracious in victory or defeat.

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to all those that have made this event possible. We thank our hosts, Mayor Greg Ballard, the city of Indianapolis, Lucas Oil Stadium and Indiana Sports Corp; and we thank our television partners FOX, BTN, ABC and the ESPN family of networks for their coverage tonight and throughout the season.

Thank you for attending tonight's event and for your ongoing support of Big Ten athletics. Big Ten fans are among the most passionate in the country, and we look forward to sharing this evening's championship game with you.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "James E. Delany".

James E. Delany
Commissioner
Big Ten Conference

2012 SEASON RECAP



FINAL STANDINGS

LEGENDS DIVISION

	Conference Games						All Games					
	W-L	PCT	H	A	Div.	Strk	W-L	PCT	H	A	N	Top 25 [^]
1. Nebraska!&	7-1	.875	4-0	3-1	5-0	W6	10-2	.833	7-0	3-2	0-0	2-1
2. Michigan	6-2	.750	4-0	2-2	4-1	L1	8-4	.667	6-0	2-3	0-1	1-3
3. Northwestern	5-3	.625	3-1	2-2	3-2	W2	9-3	.750	6-1	3-2	0-0	0-0
4. Michigan State	3-5	.375	0-4	3-1	1-4	W1	6-6	.500	2-5	4-1	0-0	2-4
5. Minnesota	2-6	.250	1-3	1-3	0-5	L2	6-6	.500	4-3	2-3	0-0	0-0
Iowa	2-6	.250	1-3	1-3	2-3	L6	4-8	.333	2-5	1-3	1-0	0-1

LEADERS DIVISION

	Conference Games						All Games					
	W-L	PCT	H	A	Div.	Strk	W-L	PCT	H	A	N	Top 25 [^]
1. Ohio State*!	8-0	1.000	4-0	4-0	5-0	W8	12-0	1.000	8-0	4-0	0-0	3-0
2. Penn State*	6-2	.750	3-1	3-1	4-1	W2	8-4	.667	5-2	3-2	0-0	1-2
3. Wisconsin&	4-4	.500	2-2	2-2	3-2	L2	7-5	.583	5-2	2-3	0-0	0-2
4. Purdue	3-5	.375	1-3	2-2	2-3	W3	6-6	.500	4-3	2-3	0-0	0-2
5. Indiana	2-6	.250	1-3	1-3	1-4	L3	4-8	.333	2-4	2-4	0-0	0-1
6. Illinois	0-8	.000	0-4	0-4	0-5	L8	2-10	.167	2-5	0-5	0-0	0-2

[^] AP or USA Today

* Ineligible for postseason play

! Clinched division title

& Clinched Big Ten Championship Game berth

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

DATE	OFFENSIVE	DEFENSIVE	SPECIAL TEAMS	FRESHMAN
9-3	Le'Veon Bell, MSU Taylor Martinez, NEB	Derrick Wells, MINN	Mike Meyer, IOWA Venric Mark, NU	Frankie Williams, PUR
9-10	Denard Robinson, MICH	Chi Chi Ariguzo, NU	Cody Webster, PUR	Devin Funchess, MICH
9-17	Braxton Miller, OSU	Michael Mauti, PSU	Jeff Budzien, NU	Nate Sudfeld, IND
9-24	Le'Veon Bell, MSU	Chris Borland, WIS	Ameer Abdullah, NEB	Deion Barnes, PSU
10-1	Taylor Martinez, NEB Kain Colter, NU	Michael Mauti, PSU	Brett Maher, NEB	Imani Cross, NEB
10-8	Denard Robinson, MICH Carlos Hyde, OSU	Gerald Hodges, PSU	Corey Brown, OSU	Mason Monheim, ILL
10-15	Montee Ball, WIS	Jake Ryan, MICH	Mike Meyer, IOWA	Aaron Burbridge, MSU
10-22	Taylor Martinez, NEB	Jordan Hill, PSU	Brendan Gibbons, MICH	Nick VanHoose, NU
10-29	Kain Colter, NU	Michael Carter, MINN	Brett Maher, NEB	Kyle Carter, PSU
11-5	Cody Latimer, IND Taylor Martinez, NEB	Ryan Shazier, OSU	Mike Sadler, MSU	Philip Nelson, MINN
11-12	Devin Gardner, MICH Montee Ball, WIS	Ryan Shazier, OSU	Brett Maher, NEB	David Santos, NEB
11-19	Devin Gardner, MICH Matt McGloin, PSU	Kawann Short, PUR	Corey Brown, OSU	Bri'onte Dunn, OSU
11-26	Le'Veon Bell, MSU Robert Marve, PUR	John Simon, OSU	Sam Ficken, PSU	Mason Monheim, ILL
		Jordan Hill, PSU		James Ross, MICH
				Dan Vitale, NU
				Frankie Williams, PUR

WEEK-BY-WEEK ATTENDANCE

ALL GAMES					CONFERENCE GAMES					ALL GAMES					CONFERENCE GAMES				
DATE	GMS	TOTAL	AVG	SO	GMS	TOTAL	AVG	SO		DATE	GMS	TOTAL	AVG	SO	GMS	TOTAL	AVG	SO	
Aug. 31-Sept. 1	8	571,822	71,478	3	--	--	--	--		Oct. 20	5	417,625	83,525	5	5	417,625	83,525	5	
Sept. 8	5	366,518	73,304	3	--	--	--	--		Oct. 27	6	407,680	67,947	3	6	407,680	67,947	3	
Sept. 15	12	840,448	70,037	5	--	--	--	--		Nov. 3	5	308,378	61,676	1	5	308,378	61,676	1	
Sept. 22	9	634,202	70,466	4	--	--	--	--		Nov. 10	5	358,774	71,755	3	5	358,774	71,755	3	
Sept. 29	6	358,596	59,766	3	5	313,115	62,623	3		Nov. 17	6	485,891	80,981	3	6	485,891	80,981	3	
Oct. 6	5	378,051	75,610	1	5	378,051	75,610	1		Nov. 23-24	6	388,456	64,743	1	6	388,456	64,743	1	
Oct. 13	5	325,671	65,134	1	5	325,671	65,134	1		TOTAL	83	5,842,112	70,387	33	48	3,383,641	70,493	21	



2012 SEASON RESULTS

LEGENDS DIVISION

IOWA HAWKEYES

4-8 OVERALL, 2-6 BIG TEN

Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
9/1	W, 18-17	Northern Illinois [1]	52,117
9/8	L, 6-9	Iowa State	70,585
9/15	W, 27-16	Northern Iowa	70,585
9/22	L, 31-32	Central Michigan	70,585
9/29	W, 31-13	Minnesota	70,585
10/13	W, 19-16 (2OT)	at Michigan State	70,211
10/20	L, 14-38	Penn State	70,585
10/27	L, 17-28	at Northwestern	44,121
11/3	L, 21-24	at Indiana	40,646
11/10	L, 24-27	Purdue	70,585
11/17	L, 17-42	at Michigan	113,016
11/23	L, 7-13	Nebraska	69,805

[1] - at Chicago Ill.

MICHIGAN WOLVERINES

8-4 OVERALL, 6-2 BIG TEN

Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
9/1	L, 14-41	Alabama [1]	90,413
9/8	W, 31-25	Air Force	112,522
9/15	W, 63-13	Massachusetts	110,708
9/22	L, 6-13	at Notre Dame	80,795
10/6	W, 44-13	at Purdue	50,105
10/13	W, 45-0	Illinois	110,922
10/20	W, 12-10	Michigan State	113,833
10/27	L, 9-23	at Nebraska	86,160
11/3	W, 35-13	at Minnesota	48,801
11/10	W, 38-31 (OT)	Northwestern	112,510
11/17	W, 42-17	Iowa	113,016
11/24	L, 21-26	at Ohio State	105,899

[1] - at Arlington, Texas

MICHIGAN STATE SPARTANS

6-6 OVERALL, 3-5 BIG TEN

Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
8/31	W, 17-13	Boise State	78,709
9/8	W, 41-7	at Central Michigan	35,127
9/15	L, 3-20	Notre Dame	79,219
9/22	W, 23-7	Eastern Michigan	74,204
9/29	L, 16-17	Ohio State	76,705
10/6	W, 31-27	at Indiana	45,979
10/13	L, 16-19 (2OT)	Iowa	70,211
10/20	L, 10-12	at Michigan	113,833
10/27	W, 16-13 (OT)	at Wisconsin	80,538
11/3	L, 24-28	Nebraska	73,522
11/17	L, 20-23	Northwestern	75,101
11/24	W, 26-10	at Minnesota	44,194

MINNESOTA GOLDEN GOPHERS

6-6 OVERALL, 2-6 BIG TEN

Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
8/30	W, 30-27 (3OT)	at UNLV	16,013
9/8	W, 44-7	New Hampshire	47,022
9/15	W, 28-23	Western Michigan	44,921
9/22	W, 17-10	Syracuse	50,805
9/29	L, 13-31	at Iowa	70,585
10/13	L, 13-21	Northwestern	49,651
10/20	L, 13-38	at Wisconsin	80,587
10/27	W, 44-28	Purdue	41,062
11/3	L, 13-35	Michigan	48,801
11/10	W, 17-3	at Illinois	46,912
11/17	L, 14-38	at Nebraska	85,330
11/24	L, 10-26	Michigan State	44,194

NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS

10-2 OVERALL, 7-1 BIG TEN

Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
9/1	W, 49-20	Southern Miss	85,425
9/8	L, 30-36	at UCLA	71,530
9/15	W, 42-13	Arkansas State	85,290
9/22	W, 73-7	Idaho State	84,923
9/29	W, 30-27	Wisconsin	85,962
10/6	L, 38-63	at Ohio State	106,102
10/20	W, 29-28	at Northwestern	47,330
10/27	W, 23-9	Michigan	86,160
11/3	W, 28-24	at Michigan State	73,522
11/10	W, 32-23	Penn State	85,527
11/17	W, 38-14	Minnesota	85,330
11/23	W, 13-7	at Iowa	69,805

NORTHWESTERN WILDCATS

9-3 OVERALL, 5-3 BIG TEN

Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
9/1	W, 42-41	at Syracuse	37,830
9/8	W, 23-13	Vanderbilt	31,644
9/15	W, 22-13	Boston College	32,597
9/22	W, 38-7	South Dakota	28,641
9/29	W, 44-29	Indiana	33,129
10/6	L, 28-39	at Penn State	95,769
10/13	W, 21-13	at Minnesota	49,651
10/20	L, 28-29	Nebraska	47,330
10/27	W, 28-17	Iowa	44,121
11/10	L, 31-38 (OT)	at Michigan	112,510
11/17	W, 23-20	at Michigan State	75,101
11/24	W, 50-14	Illinois	32,415

LEADERS DIVISION

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2-10 OVERALL, 0-8 BIG TEN

Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
9/1	W, 24-7	Western Michigan	43,441
9/8	L, 14-45	at Arizona State	54,128
9/15	W, 44-0	Charleston Southern	45,369
9/22	L, 24-52	Louisiana Tech	46,539
9/29	L, 7-35	Penn State	46,734
10/6	L, 14-31	at Wisconsin	80,096
10/13	L, 0-45	at Michigan	110,922
10/27	L, 17-31	Indiana	47,981
11/3	L, 22-52	at Ohio State	105,311
11/10	L, 3-17	Minnesota	46,912
11/17	L, 17-20	Purdue	41,974
11/24	L, 14-50	at Northwestern	32,415

INDIANA HOOSIERS

4-8 OVERALL, 2-6 BIG TEN

Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
9/1	W, 24-17	Indiana State	41,882
9/8	W, 45-6	at Massachusetts	16,304
9/15	L, 39-41	Ball State	48,186
9/29	L, 29-44	at Northwestern	33,129
10/6	L, 27-31	Michigan State	45,979
10/13	L, 49-52	Ohio State	48,880
10/20	L, 30-31	at Navy	33,441
10/27	W, 31-17	at Illinois	47,981
11/3	W, 24-21	Iowa	40,646
11/10	L, 14-62	Wisconsin	43,240
11/17	L, 22-45	at Penn State	90,358
11/24	L, 35-56	at Purdue	42,638

OHIO STATE BUCKEYES

12-0 OVERALL, 8-0 BIG TEN

Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
9/1	W, 56-10	Miami (OH)	105,039
9/8	W, 31-16	Central Florida	104,745
9/15	W, 35-28	California	105,232
9/22	W, 29-15	UAB	105,019
9/29	W, 17-16	at Michigan State	76,705
10/6	W, 63-38	Nebraska	106,102
10/13	W, 52-49	at Indiana	48,880
10/20	W, 29-22 (OT)	Purdue	105,290
10/27	W, 35-23	at Penn State	107,818
11/3	W, 52-22	Illinois	105,311
11/17	W, 21-14 (OT)	at Wisconsin	80,112
11/24	W, 26-21	Michigan	105,899

PENN STATE NITTANY LIONS

8-4 OVERALL, 6-2 BIG TEN

Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
9/1	L, 14-24	Ohio	97,186
9/8	L, 16-17	at Virginia	56,087
9/15	W, 34-7	Navy	98,792
9/22	W, 24-13	Temple	93,680
9/29	W, 35-7	at Illinois	46,734
10/6	W, 39-28	Northwestern	95,769
10/20	W, 38-14	at Iowa	70,585
10/27	L, 23-35	Ohio State	107,818
11/3	W, 34-9	at Purdue	40,098
11/10	L, 23-32	at Nebraska	85,527
11/17	W, 45-22	Indiana	90,358
11/24	W, 24-21 (OT)	Wisconsin	93,505

PURDUE BOILERMAKERS

6-6 OVERALL, 3-5 BIG TEN

Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
9/1	W, 48-6	Eastern Kentucky	40,572
9/8	L, 17-20	at Notre Dame	80,795
9/15	W, 54-16	Eastern Michigan	40,217
9/29	W, 51-41	Marshall	45,481
10/6	L, 13-44	Michigan	50,105
10/13	L, 14-38	Wisconsin	46,007
10/20	L, 22-29 (OT)	at Ohio State	105,290
10/27	L, 28-44	at Minnesota	41,062
11/3	L, 9-34	Penn State	40,098
11/10	W, 27-24	at Iowa	70,585
11/17	W, 20-17	at Illinois	41,974
11/24	W, 56-35	Indiana	42,638

WISCONSIN BADGERS

7-5 OVERALL, 4-4 BIG TEN

Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
9/1	W, 26-21	Northern Iowa	79,568
9/8	L, 7-10	at Oregon State	42,189
9/15	W, 16-14	Utah State	79,332
9/22	W, 37-26	UTEP	79,806
9/29	L, 27-30	at Nebraska	85,962
10/6	W, 31-14	Illinois	80,096
10/13	W, 38-14	at Purdue	46,007
10/20	W, 38-13	Minnesota	80,587
10/27	L, 13-16 (OT)	Michigan State	80,538
11/10	W, 62-14	at Indiana	43,240
11/17	L, 14-21 (OT)	Ohio State	80,112
11/24	L, 21-24 (OT)	at Penn State	93,505



STATISTICAL LEADERS

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

PASSING AVG/GAME

	Team	Cl	G	Att	Cmp	Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Avg/G
1. McGloin, Matt	PSU	SR	12	446	270	5	60.5	3,271	24	272.6
2. Coffman, C.	IND	SO	11	407	247	11	60.7	2,734	15	248.5
3. Maxwell, A.	MSU	JR	12	431	228	9	52.9	2,578	13	214.8
4. Martinez, T.	NEB	JR	12	308	195	8	63.3	2,483	21	206.9
5. Vandenberg, J.	IOWA	SR	12	389	223	8	57.3	2,249	7	187.4
6. Miller, Braxton	OSU	SO	12	254	148	6	58.3	2,039	15	169.9
7. Marve, Robert	PUR	SR	9	219	145	3	66.2	1,522	13	169.1
8. Scheelhaase, N.	ILL	JR	10	246	149	8	60.6	1,361	4	136.1
9. Robinson, D.	MICH	SR	10	166	89	9	53.6	1,319	9	131.9
10. Siemian, Trevor	NU	SO	12	197	116	2	58.9	1,197	6	99.8

RUSHING

	Team	Cl	G	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Yds/G
1. Bell, Le'Veon	MSU	JR	12	350	1,648	4.7	11	40	137.3
2. Ball, Montee	WIS	SR	12	311	1,528	4.9	18	67	127.3
3. Robinson, D.	MICH	SR	10	154	1,166	7.6	7	79	116.6
4. Mark, Venric	NU	JR	12	213	1,315	6.2	11	80	109.6
5. Miller, Braxton	OSU	SO	12	227	1,271	5.6	13	72	105.9
6. Hyde, Carlos	OSU	JR	10	185	970	5.2	16	29	97.0
7. Abdullah, Ameer	NEB	SO	12	214	1,071	5.0	8	45	89.2
8. Zwinak, Zach	PSU	SO	12	203	1,000	4.9	6	50	83.3
9. Weisman, Mark	IOWA	SO	10	159	815	5.1	8	44	81.5
10. Kirkwood, D.	MINN	SO	12	199	849	4.3	5	38	70.8

RECEIVING YDS/GAME

	Team	Cl	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Long	Avg/C	Yds/G
1. Robinson, Allen	PSU	SO	12	77	1,018	11	53	13.2	84.8
2. Abbrederis, Jar	WIS	JR	11	44	764	5	60	17.4	69.5
3. Latimer, Cody	IND	SO	12	51	805	6	70	15.8	67.1
4. Bell, Kenny	NEB	SO	12	44	789	8	74	17.9	65.8
5. Hughes, Kofi	IND	JR	11	43	639	3	77	14.9	58.1
6. Gallon, Jeremy	MICH	JR	12	40	684	2	71	17.1	57.0
7. Brown, Corey	OSU	JR	12	60	669	3	38	11.1	55.8
8. Wynn, Shane	IND	SO	12	68	660	6	76	9.7	55.0
9. Edison, A.	PUR	SR	12	57	625	8	52	11.0	52.1
10. Smith, Devin	OSU	SO	12	30	618	6	72	20.6	51.5

TOTAL OFFENSE

	Team	Cl	G	Rush	Pass	Plays	Total	Yds/G
1. Martinez, T.	NEB	JR	12	833	2,483	464	3,316	276.3
2. Miller, Braxton	OSU	SO	12	1,271	2,039	481	3,310	275.8
3. McGloin, Matt	PSU	SR	12	-51	3,271	505	3,220	268.3
4. Robinson, D.	MICH	SR	10	1,166	1,319	320	2,485	248.5
5. Coffman, C.	IND	SO	11	-1	2,734	444	2,733	248.5
6. Maxwell, Andrew	MSU	JR	12	-87	2,578	463	2,491	207.6
7. Vandenberg, J.	IOWA	SR	12	16	2,249	452	2,265	188.8
8. Marve, Robert	PUR	SR	9	-14	1,522	249	1,508	167.6
9. Scheelhaase, N.	ILL	JR	10	303	1,361	371	1,664	166.4
10. Bell, Le'Veon	MSU	JR	12	1,648	0	350	1,648	137.3

PUNT RETURN AVG

	Team	Cl	G	Ret	Yds	TD	Long	Avg
1. Abdullah, Ameer	NEB	SO	12	16	209	1	81	13.1
2. Brown, Corey	OSU	JR	12	18	221	2	76	12.3
3. Della Valle, J.	PSU	SO	12	15	114	0	29	7.6
4. Hyde, Micah	IOWA	SR	12	16	119	0	29	7.4
5. Abbrederis, Jar	WIS	JR	11	14	104	0	34	7.4

KICK RETURN AVG

	Team	Cl	G	Ret	Yds	TD	Long	Avg
1. Cotton, Jordan	IOWA	JR	12	19	536	1	92	28.2
2. Coleman, Tevin	IND	FR	12	24	566	1	96	23.6
3. Norfleet, D.	MICH	FR	12	34	795	0	38	23.4
4. Smith, Rod	OSU	SO	9	12	278	0	36	23.2
5. Stoudemire, T.	MINN	SR	12	18	402	0	48	22.3
6. Hunt, Akeem	PUR	SO	12	36	795	1	100	22.1
7. Hill, Nick	MSU	SO	12	28	595	0	34	21.2
8. Mark, Venric	NU	JR	12	18	355	0	40	19.7
9. Ferguson, Josh	ILL	FR	10	19	344	0	37	18.1

PUNTING

	Team	Cl	G	Punt	Yds	Long	Avg
1. Hagerup, Will	MICH	JR	11	33	1,486	62	45.0
2. Sadler, Mike	MSU	SO	12	68	2,941	70	43.2
3. Webster, Cody	PUR	JR	12	66	2,806	72	42.5
4. DuVernois, J.	ILL	SO	12	73	3,060	72	41.9
5. Maher, Brett	NEB	SR	12	53	2,212	69	41.7
6. Buchanan, Ben	OSU	SR	12	59	2,421	55	41.0
7. Meyer, Drew	WIS	FR	12	70	2,870	55	41.0
8. Williams, B.	NU	JR	12	59	2,337	64	39.6
9. Eldred, C.	MINN	SO	12	63	2,423	63	38.5
10. Kornbrath, C.	IOWA	FR	12	53	2,010	61	37.9

FIELD GOALS

	Team	Cl	G	FG	FGA	Pct.	FG/G
1. Conroy, Dan	MSU	SR	12	22	31	71.0	1.83
2. Maher, Brett	NEB	SR	12	18	24	75.0	1.50
3. Budzien, Jeff	NU	JR	12	17	18	94.4	1.42
Meyer, Mike	IOWA	JR	12	17	21	81.0	1.42
4. Ewald, Mitch	IND	JR	12	15	20	75.0	1.25
6. Gibbons, B.	MICH	JR	12	14	16	87.5	1.17
Ficken, Sam	PSU	SO	12	14	21	66.7	1.17
8. Wertsstein, J.	MINN	SR	12	13	21	61.9	1.08
9. French, Kyle	WIS	SO	12	10	15	66.7	0.83
10. Basil, Drew	OSU	JR	12	8	11	72.7	0.67

ALL PURPOSE

	Team	Cl	G	Rush	Rev	PR	KR	Yds	Avg/G
1. Mark, Venric	NU	JR	12	1,315	101	282	355	2,053	171.1
2. Bell, Le'Veon	MSU	JR	12	1,648	154	18	46	1,866	155.5
3. Abdullah, Ameer	NEB	SO	12	1,071	167	209	270	1,717	143.1
4. Ball, Montee	WIS	SR	12	1,528	65	0	0	1,593	132.8
5. Robinson, D.	MICH	SR	10	1,166	24	0	0	1,190	119.0
6. Hunt, Akeem	PUR	SO	12	335	204	0	795	1,334	111.2
7. Miller, Braxton	OSU	SO	12	1,271	0	0	0	1,271	105.9
8. Hyde, Carlos	OSU	JR	10	970	51	0	0	1,021	102.1
9. Zwinak, Zach	PSU	SO	12	1,000	177	0	0	1,177	98.1
10. Houston, S.	IND	JR	12	749	381	0	0	1,130	94.2

SCORING

	Team	Cl	G	TD	XPT	FG	2XP	Pts	Pts/G
1. Hyde, Carlos	OSU	JR	10	17	0	0	0	102	10.2
2. Ball, Montee	WIS	SR	12	18	0	0	0	108	9.0
3. Maher, Brett	NEB	SR	12	0	51	18	0	105	8.8
4. Houston, S.	IND	JR	12	16	0	0	2	98	8.2
5. Budzien, Jeff	NU	JR	12	0	46	17	0	97	8.1
6. Conroy, Dan	MSU	SR	12	0	23	22	0	89	7.4
7. Ewald, Mitch	IND	JR	12	0	42	15	0	87	7.2
8. Gibbons, B.	MICH	JR	12	0	44	14	0	86	7.2
9. Mark, Venric	NU	JR	12	14	0	0	0	84	7.0
10. Miller, Braxton	OSU	SO	12	13	0	0	4	82	6.8

TACKLES

	Player	Team	Cl	G	Pos	Solo	Ast	Total	Avg/G	Sack
1.	Hitchens, A.	IOWA	JR	11	LB	56	68	124	11.3	1.0
2.	Taylor, Mike	WIS	SR	12	LB	63	52	115	9.6	2.0
	Shazier, Ryan	OSU	SO	12	LB	70	45	115	9.6	5.0
4.	Morris, James	IOWA	JR	12	LB	52	61	113	9.4	1.5
5.	Hodges, Gerald	PSU	SR	12	LB	45	64	109	9.1	1.0
6.	Proby, Damien	NU	JR	12	LB	70	38	108	9.0	0.5
7.	Mauri, Michael	PSU	SR	11	LB	49	47	96	8.7	2.5
8.	Bullough, Max	MSU	JR	12	LB	49	53	102	8.5	2.5
9.	Borland, Chris	WIS	JR	10	LB	43	39	82	8.2	4.5
10.	Compton, Will	NEB	SR	12	LB	30	68	98	8.2	3.0

INTERCEPTIONS

	Team	Cl	G	Int	Yds	TD	Long	Int/G
1. Howard, Travis	OSU	SR	12	4	51	0	25	0.33
Feichter, L.	PUR	SO	12	4	39	1	34	0.33
Stafford, D.	NEB	SR	12	4	28	0	22	0.33
4. Mauri, Michael	PSU	SR	11	3	125	0	99	0.27
5. Heban, Greg	IND	JR	12	3	94	0	70	0.25
Johnson, Josh	PUR	SR	12	3	74	1	74	0.25
Nwabuisi, David	NU	SR	12	3	52	1	43	0.25
Dennard, D.	MSU	JR	12	3	49	0	30	0.25
Smith, Devin	WIS	SR	12	3	45	0	44	0.25
Adams, Johnny	MSU	SR	12	3	11	0	11	0.25

STATISTICAL LEADERS

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

SACKS									
	Team	Cl	G	Pos	Solo	Ast	Yds	Total	Avg/G
1.	Simon, John	OSU	SR	11	DE	9	0	73	9.0
2.	Wilhite, DL	MINN	SR	12	DE	8	1	54	8.5
	Martin, Eric	NEB	SR	12	DE	8	1	47	8.5
4.	Scott, Tyler	NU	JR	12	DL	7	0	39	7.0
5.	Short, Kawann	PUR	SR	12	DT	6	0	43	6.0
	Barnes, Deion	PSU	FR	12	DL	5	2	30	6.0
7.	Shazier, Ryan	OSU	SO	12	LB	5	0	47	5.0
	Hageman, RaShede	MINN	JR	12	DL	5	0	38	5.0
	Replogle, Adam	IND	SR	12	DT	4	2	35	5.0
10.	Gaglione, Joe	IOWA	SR	11	DL	5	0	24	5.0

TACKLES FOR LOSS									
	Team	Cl	G	Pos	Solo	Ast	Yds	Total	Avg/G
1.	Shazier, Ryan	OSU	SO	12	LB	15	4	78	17.0
2.	Martin, Eric	NEB	SR	12	DE	13	3	57	14.5
	Short, Kawann	PUR	SR	12	DT	14	1	62	14.5
4.	Simon, John	OSU	SR	11	DE	14	1	87	14.5
5.	Ryan, Jake	MICH	SO	12	LB	12	5	68	14.5
6.	Taylor, Mike	WIS	SR	12	LB	11	6	51	14.0
7.	Replogle, Adam	IND	SR	12	DT	11	4	46	13.0
8.	Gholston, W.	MSU	JR	12	DE	11	2	44	12.0
	Bullough, Max	MSU	JR	12	LB	9	6	44	12.0
	Black, Larry	IND	SR	12	DT	9	6	38	12.0

TEAM STATISTICAL LEADERS

TOTAL OFFENSE									
	G	Rush	Pass	Plays	Yards	Avg/P	TD	Yds/G	
1.	Nebraska	12	3,026	2,505	883	5,531	6.3	50	460.9
2.	Indiana	12	1,570	3,734	939	5,304	5.6	45	442.0
3.	Ohio State	12	2,907	2,178	837	5,085	6.1	54	423.8
4.	Penn State	12	1,727	3,283	931	5,010	5.4	42	417.5
5.	Purdue	12	1,980	2,888	885	4,868	5.5	44	405.7
6.	Northwestern	12	2,781	2,007	888	4,788	5.4	42	399.0
7.	Michigan	12	2,248	2,377	738	4,625	6.3	44	385.4
8.	Wisconsin	12	2,552	2,013	804	4,565	5.7	42	380.4
9.	Michigan State	12	1,819	2,625	888	4,444	5.0	25	370.3
10.	Minnesota	12	1,753	2,057	774	3,810	4.9	29	317.5
11.	Iowa	12	1,476	2,249	793	3,725	4.7	22	310.4
12.	Illinois	12	1,534	2,026	797	3,560	4.5	23	296.7

PASS OFFENSE									
	G	Att	Cmp	Int	Pct.	Yds	Avg	TD	Yds/G
1.	Indiana	12	540	331	13	61.3	3,734	6.9	24
2.	Penn State	12	456	272	5	59.6	3,283	7.2	24
3.	Purdue	12	448	275	12	61.4	2,888	6.4	28
4.	Michigan State	12	438	233	10	53.2	2,625	6.0	13
5.	Nebraska	12	317	199	9	62.8	2,505	7.9	22
6.	Michigan	12	281	151	18	53.7	2,377	8.5	17
7.	Iowa	12	389	223	8	57.3	2,249	5.8	7
8.	Ohio State	12	278	161	7	57.9	2,178	7.8	17
9.	Minnesota	12	311	167	14	53.7	2,057	6.6	17
10.	Illinois	12	354	223	14	63.0	2,026	5.7	11
11.	Wisconsin	12	264	152	5	57.6	2,013	7.6	13
12.	Northwestern	12	333	210	4	63.1	2,007	6.0	14

RUSHING OFFENSE									
	G	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Yds/G			
1.	Nebraska	12	566	3,026	5.3	28	252.2		
2.	Ohio State	12	559	2,907	5.2	37	242.2		
3.	Northwestern	12	555	2,781	5.0	28	231.8		
4.	Wisconsin	12	540	2,552	4.7	29	212.7		
5.	Michigan	12	457	2,248	4.9	27	187.3		
6.	Purdue	12	437	1,980	4.5	16	165.0		
7.	Michigan State	12	450	1,819	4.0	12	151.6		
8.	Minnesota	12	463	1,753	3.8	12	146.1		
9.	Penn State	12	475	1,727	3.6	18	143.9		
10.	Indiana	12	399	1,570	3.9	21	130.8		
11.	Illinois	12	443	1,534	3.5	12	127.8		
12.	Iowa	12	404	1,476	3.7	15	123.0		

SCORING OFFENSE									
	G	TD	XP	2XP	DXP	FG	Saf	Pts	Avg
1.	Ohio State	12	60	56	3	0	8	446	37.2
2.	Nebraska	12	53	51	0	0	18	425	35.4
3.	Northwestern	12	46	46	0	0	18	378	31.5
4.	Indiana	12	46	42	3	0	15	369	30.8
5.	Michigan	12	45	45	0	0	15	360	30.0
6.	Purdue	12	48	42	0	0	9	359	29.9
7.	Penn State	12	44	39	2	0	14	349	29.1
8.	Wisconsin	12	43	40	0	1	10	330	27.5
9.	Minnesota	12	31	29	0	0	13	256	21.3
10.	Michigan State	12	25	23	1	0	22	243	20.2
11.	Iowa	12	26	25	0	0	17	232	19.3
12.	Illinois	12	25	22	2	0	8	200	16.7

TOTAL DEFENSE									
	G	Rush	Pass	Plays	Yards	Avg/P	TD	Yds/G	
1.	Michigan State	12	1,195	2,084	757	3,279	4.3	15	273.2
2.	Wisconsin	12	1,336	2,359	803	3,695	4.6	26	307.9
3.	Michigan	12	1,872	1,862	791	3,734	4.7	21	311.2
4.	Nebraska	12	1,994	1,826	832	3,820	4.6	29	318.3
5.	Minnesota	12	2,091	2,142	811	4,233	5.2	34	352.8
6.	Penn State	12	1,561	2,715	865	4,276	4.9	25	356.3
7.	Ohio State	12	1,393	2,922	849	4,315	5.1	29	359.6
8.	Iowa	12	1,945	2,634	826	4,579	5.5	32	381.6
9.	Northwestern	12	1,473	3,151	875	4,624	5.3	32	385.3
10.	Illinois	12	2,327	2,324	802	4,651	5.8	49	387.6
11.	Purdue	12	2,152	2,730	872	4,882	5.6	39	406.8
12.	Indiana	12	2,776	2,786	910	5,562	6.1	52	463.5

PASS DEFENSE									
	G	Att	Cmp	Int	Pct.	Yds	Avg	TD	Yds/G
1.	Nebraska	12	354	161	11	45.5	1,826	5.2	12
2.	Michigan	12	294	173	7	58.8	1,862	6.3	12
3.	Michigan State	12	396	210	13	53.0	2,084	5.3	10
4.	Minnesota	12	357	199	11	55.7	2,142	6.0	13
5.	Illinois	12	288	180	7	62.5	2,324	8.1	21
6.	Wisconsin	12	410	224	6	54.6	2,359	5.8	18
7.	Iowa	12	353	224	10	63.5	2,634	7.5	16
8.	Penn State	12	430	244	10	56.7	2,715	6.3	15
9.	Purdue	12	413	235	14	56.9	2,730	6.6	16
10.	Indiana	12	356	222	7	62.4	2,786	7.8	23
11.	Ohio State	12	457	267	14	58.4	2,922	6.4	15
12.	Northwestern	12	468	277	9	59.2	3,151	6.7	16

RUSHING DEFENSE									
	G	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Yds/G			
1.	Michigan State	12	361	1,195	3.3	5	99.6		
2.	Wisconsin	12	393	1,336	3.4	8	111.3		
3.	Ohio State	12	392	1,393	3.6	14	116.1		
4.	Northwestern	12	407	1,473	3.6	16	122.8		
5.	Penn State	12	435	1,561	3.6	10	130.1		
6.	Michigan	12	497	1,872	3.8	9	156.0		
7.	Iowa	12	473	1,945	4.1	16	162.1		
8.	Nebraska	12	478	1,994	4.2	17	166.2		
9.	Minnesota	12	454	2,091	4.6	21	174.2		
10.	Purdue	12	459	2,152	4.7	23	179.3		
11.	Illinois	12	514	2,327	4.5	28	193.9		
12.	Indiana	12	554	2,776	5.0	29	231.3		

SCORING DEFENSE									
	G	TD	XP	2XP	DXP	FG	Saf	Pts	Avg
1.	Michigan State	12	19	19	0	0	21	196	16.3
2.	Wisconsin	12	27	23	1	0	10	217	18.1
3.	Michigan	12	23	22	1	0	21	225	18.8
4.	Penn State	12	28	26	0	0	11	229	19.1
5.	Nebraska	12	33	32	0	0	13	271	22.6
6.	Northwestern	12	33	26	4	0	13	273	22.8
7.	Ohio State	12	33	26	3	0	14	274	22.8
8.	Iowa	12	32	29	0	0	18	275	22.9
9.	Minnesota	12	36	35	0	0	12	287	23.9
10.	Purdue	12	44	40	1	0	14	348	29.0
11.	Illinois	12	50	50	0	0	11	385	32.1
12.	Indiana	12	55	54	0	0	13	423	35.2

2012 ALL-BIG TEN HONORS



BIG TEN INDIVIDUAL AWARD WINNERS

Ford-Kinnick Leadership Award: Jon Runyan, Michigan
 Dungy-Thompson Humanitarian Award: Chris Spielman, Ohio State
 Graham-George Offensive Player of the Year: Braxton Miller, Ohio State
 Nagurski-Woodson Defensive Player of the Year: John Simon, Ohio State
 Thompson-Randle El Freshman of the Year: Deion Barnes, Penn State
 Hayes-Schembechler Coach of the Year (coaches vote): Bill O'Brien, Penn State
 Dave McClain Coach of the Year (media vote): Bill O'Brien, Penn State
 Griese-Brees Quarterback of the Year: Braxton Miller, Ohio State
 Richter-Howard Receiver of the Year: Allen Robinson, Penn State

Ameche-Dayne Running Back of the Year: Montee Ball, Wisconsin
 Kwalick-Clark Tight End of the Year: Jacob Pedersen, Wisconsin
 Rimington-Pace Offensive Lineman of the Year: Taylor Lewan, Michigan
 Smith-Brown Defensive Lineman of the Year: John Simon, Ohio State
 Butkus-Fitzgerald Linebacker of the Year: Michael Mauti, Penn State
 Tatum-Woodson Defensive Back of the Year: Micah Hyde, Iowa
 Bakken-Andersen Kicker of the Year: Brett Maher, Nebraska, and Jeff Budzien, Northwestern
 Eddleman-Fields Punter of the Year: Will Hagerup, Michigan

COACHES' ALL-BIG TEN TEAM

AS SELECTED BY CONFERENCE COACHES

FIRST TEAM	OFFENSE	SECOND TEAM
Taylor Martinez, Nebraska	Quarterback	Braxton Miller, Ohio State
Le'Veon Bell, Michigan State	Running Back	Ameer Abdullah, Nebraska*
Montee Ball, Wisconsin	Running Back	Venric Mark, Northwestern*
		Carlos Hyde, Ohio State*
Allen Robinson, Penn State	Receiver	Kenny Bell, Nebraska
Jared Abbrederis, Wisconsin	Receiver	Corey Brown, Ohio State
Matt Stankiewicz, Penn State	Center	James Ferentz, Iowa
Patrick O'mameh, Michigan*	Guard	Ryan Groy, Wisconsin#
Spencer Long, Nebraska*	Guard	
John Urschel, Penn State*		
Taylor Lewan, Michigan	Tackle	Hugh Thornton, Illinois
Rick Wagner, Wisconsin	Tackle	Jeremiah Sirles, Nebraska
Jacob Pedersen, Wisconsin	Tight End	Dion Sims, Michigan State
Jeff Budzien, Northwestern	Kicker	Brett Maher, Nebraska
FIRST TEAM	DEFENSE	SECOND TEAM
Johnathan Hankins, Ohio State	Line	Michael Buchanan, Illinois*
John Simon, Ohio State	Line	Adam Replogle, Indiana*
Jordan Hill, Penn State	Line	Craig Roh, Michigan*
Kawann Short, Purdue	Line	Eric Martin, Nebraska*
		Baker Steinkuhler, Nebraska*
Max Bullough, Michigan State	Linebacker	Will Compton, Nebraska
Michael Mauti, Penn State	Linebacker	Ryan Shazier, Ohio State
Chris Borland, Wisconsin	Linebacker	Gerald Hodges, Penn State
Micah Hyde, Iowa	Defensive Back	Jordan Kovacs, Michigan
Johnny Adams, Michigan State	Defensive Back	Daimion Stafford, Nebraska
Darqueze Dennard, Michigan State	Defensive Back	Christian Bryant, Ohio State
Bradley Roby, Ohio State	Defensive Back	Ricardo Allen, Purdue
Mike Sadler, Michigan State	Punter	Brett Maher, Nebraska

HONORABLE MENTION: ILLINOIS: Akeem Spence; **INDIANA:** Ted Bolser; Dan Feeney; Cody Latimer; Jason Spriggs; **IOWA:** C.J. Fiedorowicz; Anthony Hitchens; Mike Meyer; Matt Tobin; **MICHIGAN:** J.T. Floyd; Jeremy Gallon; Brendan Gibbons; Will Hagerup; Roy Roundtree; Jake Ryan; **MICHIGAN STATE:** Denicos Allen; William Gholston; Isaiah Lewis; Chris McDonald; Marcus Rush; **MINNESOTA:** Michael Carter; **NEBRASKA:** Ben Cotton; Ciente Evans; Justin Jackson; P.J. Smith; **NORTHWESTERN:** Ibraheim Campbell; Brian Mulroe; Tyler Scott; Patrick Ward; **OHIO STATE:** C.J. Barnett; Travis Howard; Corey Linsley; Jack Mewhort; Andrew Norwell; **PENN STATE:** Adrian Amos; Deion Barnes; Kyle Carter; Mike Farrell; Matt McGloin; Stephon Morris; **PURDUE:** Antavian Edison; Josh Johnson; Cody Webster; **WISCONSIN:** Beau Allen; Marcus Cromartie; Travis Frederick; David Gilbert; Ethan Hemer; Drew Meyer; Devin Smith; Dezmen Southward; Mike Taylor.

BIG TEN SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD HONOREES: Nathan Scheelhaase, ILL.; Nicholas Sliger, IND.; James Vandenberg, IOWA; Jordan Kovacs, MICH.; Keith Humphrey, MSU; Mike Rallis, MINN.; Rex Burkhead, NEB; Demetrius Fields, NU; Zach Boren, OSU; Jordan Hill, PSU; Robert Maci, PUR; Shelton Johnson, WIS.

* Additional honorees due to ties

#Second team reduced by one due to additional first-team honoree

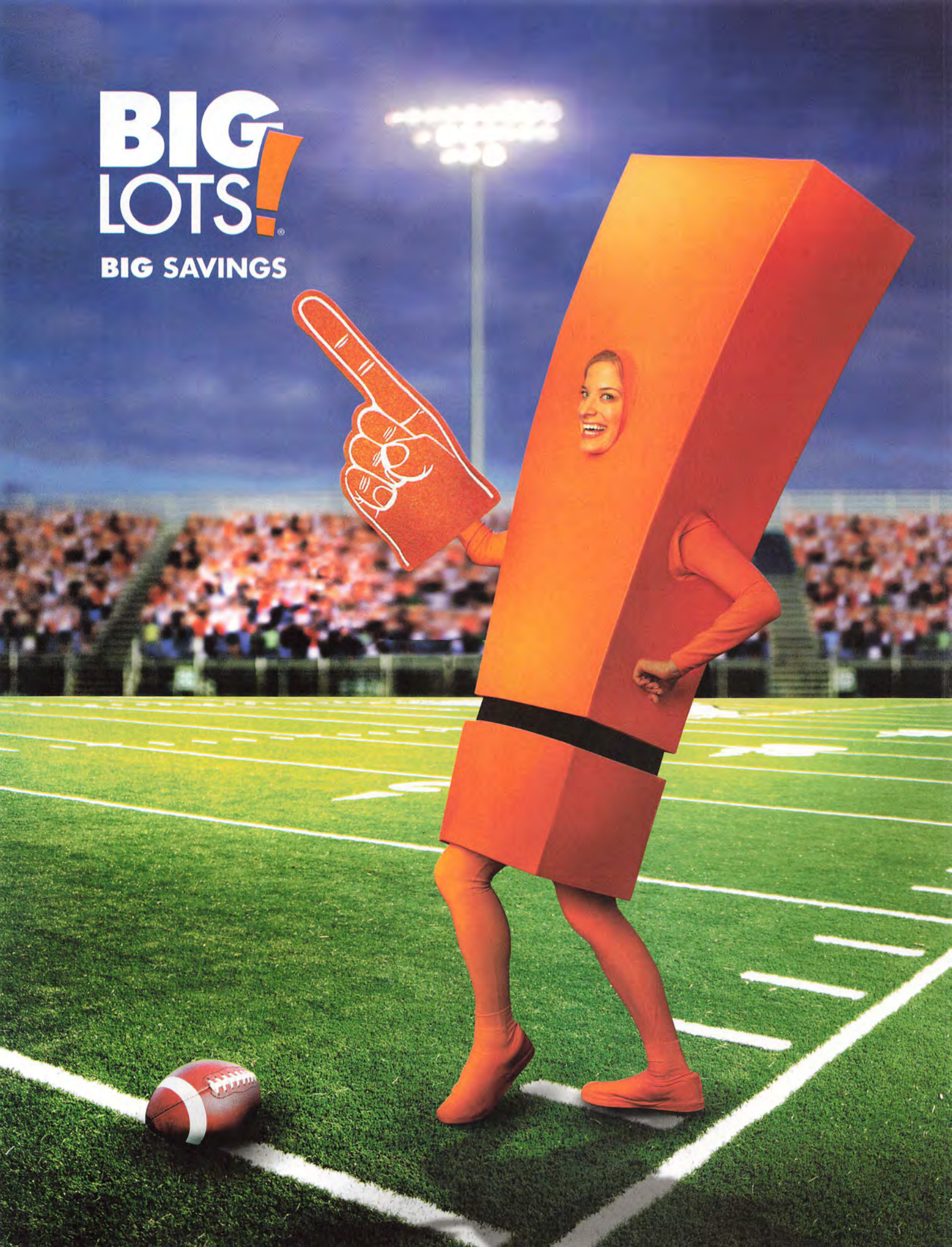
MEDIA ALL-BIG TEN TEAM

AS SELECTED BY CONFERENCE MEDIA

FIRST TEAM	OFFENSE	SECOND TEAM
Braxton Miller, Ohio State	Quarterback	Taylor Martinez, Nebraska
Le'Veon Bell, Michigan State	Running Back	Venric Mark, Northwestern
Montee Ball, Wisconsin	Running Back	Carlos Hyde, Ohio State
Allen Robinson, Penn State	Receiver	Cody Latimer, Indiana
Jared Abbrederis, Wisconsin	Receiver	Kenny Bell, Nebraska
Travis Frederick, Wisconsin	Center	Matt Stankiewicz, Penn State
Spencer Long, Nebraska	Guard	Brian Mulroe, Northwestern
Andrew Norwell, Ohio State	Guard	John Urschel, Penn State
Taylor Lewan, Michigan	Tackle	Jeremiah Sirles, Nebraska
Rick Wagner, Wisconsin	Tackle	Jack Mewhort, Ohio State
Kyle Carter, Penn State	Tight End	Dion Sims, Michigan State
Brett Maher, Nebraska	Kicker	Jeff Budzien, Northwestern
FIRST TEAM	DEFENSE	SECOND TEAM
Eric Martin, Nebraska	Line	Adam Replogle, Indiana
John Simon, Ohio State	Line	William Gholston, Michigan State
Jordan Hill, Penn State	Line	D.L. Wilhite, Minnesota
Kawann Short, Purdue	Line	Johnathan Hankins, Ohio State
Ryan Shazier, Ohio State	Linebacker	Jake Ryan, Michigan
Michael Mauti, Penn State	Linebacker	Max Bullough, Michigan State
Mike Taylor, Wisconsin	Linebacker	Gerald Hodges, Penn State
Micah Hyde, Iowa	Defensive Back	Johnny Adams, Michigan State
Daimion Stafford, Nebraska	Defensive Back	Darqueze Dennard, Michigan State
Travis Howard, Ohio State	Defensive Back	Josh Johnson, Purdue
Bradley Roby, Ohio State	Defensive Back	Devin Smith, Wisconsin
Will Hagerup, Michigan	Punter	Mike Sadler, Michigan State

HONORABLE MENTION: ILLINOIS: Jonathan Brown; Michael Buchanan; Terry Hawthorne; Graham Pocic; Akeem Spence; Hugh Thornton; **INDIANA:** Ted Bolser; Mitch Ewald; Dan Feeney; Greg Heban; Will Matte; Jason Spriggs; Shane Wynn; **IOWA:** C.J. Fiedorowicz; James Ferentz; Joe Gaglione; Anthony Hitchens; Mike Meyer; James Morris; **MICHIGAN:** William Campbell; J.T. Floyd; Devin Funchess; Jeremy Gallon; Brendan Gibbons; Jordan Kovacs; Patrick O'mameh; Denard Robinson; Craig Roh; Roy Roundtree; **MICHIGAN STATE:** Denicos Allen; Isaiah Lewis; Chris McDonald; Marcus Rush; **MINNESOTA:** Michael Carter; Ra'Shede Hageman; Troy Stoudermire; **NEBRASKA:** Ameer Abdullah; Will Compton; Ben Cotton; Ciente Evans; Justin Jackson; Brett Maher (punter); Kyler Reed; P.J. Smith; Baker Steinkuhler; **NORTHWESTERN:** Chi Chi Arizguo; Ibraheim Campbell; Kain Colter; David Nwabuisi; Damien Proby; Tyler Scott; Patrick Ward; **OHIO STATE:** C.J. Barnett; Corey Brown; Christian Bryant; Reid Fragel; Corey Linsley; Erienne Sabino; **PENN STATE:** Adrian Amos; Deion Barnes; Mike Farrell; Matt McGloin; Stephon Morris; Sean Stanley; Zach Zwinak; **PURDUE:** Ricardo Allen; Antavian Edison; Landon Feichter; Cody Webster; **WISCONSIN:** Beau Allen; Chris Borland; Marcus Cromartie; David Gilbert; Ryan Groy; Drew Meyer; Jacob Pedersen; Dezmen Southward.

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UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA
CORNHUSKERS

BREAKING DOWN THE HUSKERS

By Sarah Andreychik

Well that was fast.

The road to Indianapolis may not have been smooth, but Nebraska has arrived. In just their second year in the conference, the Huskers advanced to the Big Ten Football Championship Game after clinching their first Legends Division title. To Nebraska head coach Bo Pelini, the early conference success came as no surprise.

Said Pelini at his first Big Ten media day in July 2011, "At the end of the day, to be successful in this game, you have to adapt to your opponents. But you have to line up and do what you do well. You have to execute your football. If we continue to do that, we'll be fine no matter who we're lined up against."

And execute their football they did.

A team with an excellent mix of veteran experience and leadership and an infusion of young talent and potential, Nebraska earned the Legends Division berth in the 2012 Big Ten Football Championship Game.

Led by junior Taylor Martinez, one of the nation's top dual-threat quarterbacks and a three-year starter, the Huskers boast an offense that ranks near the top of the conference in numerous categories.

An experienced offensive line featuring three juniors and two seniors has paved the way for the Nebraska ground game. Young running backs Ameer Abdullah and Imani Cross have stepped up when Rex Burkhead, a 2011 first-team All-Big Ten honoree, was sidelined with a nagging injury this season.

On the receiving side of the ball, seniors Kyler Reed and Ben Cotton make up one of the nation's top tight end tandems. Wide receiver Kenny Bell has continued his production from 2011, when he became the second freshman ever to lead Nebraska in receptions and receiving yards. The sophomore has solidified himself as one of the Huskers' top receiving targets.

Of course, the Huskers could not have gotten to the title game without some help from their defense. Senior linebacker Will Compton, a four-year starter, plays a key role assisting with defensive alignments and adjustments, while also ranking among Nebraska's leaders in tackles. Defensive ends Cameron Meredith and Eric Martin have proven to be effective pass rushers and strong run stoppers, both among the conference leaders in sacks, while seniors P.J. Smith and Daimion Stafford anchor the Nebraska secondary.

Kicker and punter Brett Maher could arguably be considered one of the most reliable players on Nebraska's roster, leading the Huskers in points this season. Last year, he became the first player since Purdue's Travis Dorsch in 2001 to be named first-team All-Big Ten as a kicker and punter.

After a 49-20 victory over Southern Miss to open the season, the Huskers were tested in just the second week of the season as they traveled to Pasadena, the home of the Rose Bowl Game, to take on UCLA. In a game of big plays, missed chances and momentum swings, Nebraska was unable to capitalize in the fourth quarter as the Bruins edged the Huskers, 36-30. In his press conference after the game, Pelini challenged his team to rise to the occasion in the weeks to follow.



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The team accepted that challenge.

In their final two non-conference games, the Huskers ripped off consecutive dominating performances against Arkansas State and Idaho State, winning by a combined score of 115-20.

In its first conference matchup, Nebraska faced Wisconsin, this year's title game opponent and defending Big Ten Champion. In what would soon become the tale of their season, the Huskers rallied from a 17-point second-half deficit to upend the Badgers, 30-27.

After a disappointing loss at Ohio State, Nebraska turned on the heat in the final half of the season, but not without giving the Husker faithful some scares in the process.

In their next contest at Northwestern, the Huskers were faced with a 12-point deficit midway through the fourth quarter. Martinez led the offense to a pair of long touchdown drives in the final eight minutes to leave Evanston with a 29-28 win.

In Nebraska's victory over No. 20 Michigan, it was the defense that stole the show. The Huskers held the Wolverines to 188 total yards and no touchdowns in the 23-9 win. However, in the next two weeks, late comebacks would be the story again. Nebraska rallied from 10 points down in the final eight minutes to knock off Michigan State, 28-24, and came back from a 14-point halftime deficit to defeat Penn State, 32-23.

In their regular-season finale, the Huskers defeated Iowa, 13-7, scoring the game's final 10 points to clinch their spot in the championship game.

"We've put ourselves in some tough situations and we've had to respond," Pelini said. "I think to do that you have to be pretty mentally tough, which I think our guys are. They believe in each other and what we're doing so it's a good combination."

From the offense's fourth-quarter comeback drives to the defense's game-sealing stops, the Huskers' season has been nothing short of dramatic. No matter the circumstance, Nebraska has found ways to win this season, which it hopes will lead them back to Pasadena on Jan. 1.



Defensive end Eric Martin is an effective pass rusher, ranking among the conference leaders in sacks.



UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln is the primary research and doctoral degree-granting institution in Nebraska. As Nebraska's land-grant university, it serves as the flagship institution of the University of Nebraska system. Officially chartered Feb. 15, 1869, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln grew quickly to become one of the nation's leading state universities. The University of Nebraska was the first university west of the Mississippi River to form a graduate school (1893) and to offer the Ph.D. (1896).

Today UNL ranks among the top 50 institutions awarding the most doctoral degrees. It is a major research university, ranked in the top 20 among public universities for total endowment assets and new gifts. It is home to top researchers in such areas as plant genomics, remote sensing technologies, molecular virology, bioinformatics, food processing, early childhood education and nanoscale technology.

The university's missions are teaching, research and public service. Approximately 24,600 students matriculate through its nine colleges: Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, Architecture, Arts and



Students have a meal in front of the University of Nebraska's Don L. Love Memorial Library, the main library in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln library system.

Sciences, Business Administration, Education and Human Sciences, Engineering, Hixson-Lied Fine and Performing Arts, Journalism and Mass Communications and Law.

A new curriculum, Achievement-Centered Education, launched in 2009, ensures graduates are competent in writing, communications and mathematics; have knowledge of diverse peoples and cultures and of the natural and physical world; understand ethics and social responsibilities; and are able to integrate these abilities to adapt to a changing world.



The University of Nebraska's bell tower, Mueller Tower, is framed by the Green Point sculpture.

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

NEBRASKA QUICK FACTS

Location: Lincoln, Neb.
 Founded: 1869
 Enrollment: 24,610
 Home Field: Memorial Stadium
 Capacity: 81,091
 Athletics Website: huskers.com
 Twitter: @Huskers



Harvey Perlman
Chancellor



Tom Osborne
Director of Athletics



Josephine Potuto
Faculty Representative



Pat Logsdon
Senior Woman Administrator

HEAD COACH BO PELINI



Bo Pelini is in his fifth season as Nebraska's head coach and owns a 49-18 record with the Huskers. Pelini helped Nebraska to at least a share of three straight Big 12 North division titles, becoming the first coach in the history of that league to win at least a share of a division title in each of his first three years. He has guided Nebraska to at least nine wins in each of his first five seasons.



Among schools currently in a BCS-AQ conference, the 44-year old Pelini has become just the 11th head coach in college football history to win at least nine games in their first five seasons on the job at that school. A native of Youngstown, Ohio, Pelini is only the fourth first-time head coach to lead a BCS conference school to nine wins in each of his first five seasons. Pelini also owns more wins than any of the other 18 head coaches who were hired for their jobs beginning with the 2008 season.

Pelini took charge of the Huskers after a highly successful five-year run as a collegiate defensive coordinator, including orchestrating NU's defensive efforts in 2003. Pelini picked up his first college head coaching victory as NU's interim coach in the 2003 Alamo Bowl against Michigan State.

Following his one season at Nebraska, Pelini served as the co-defensive coordinator at Oklahoma in 2004, helping the Sooners to the Big 12 title and BCS title game. He then followed with three seasons as the defensive coordinator at LSU. With the Tigers, Pelini led three consecutive defenses to No. 3 national rankings in total defense. He culminated his time in Baton Rouge by helping the Tigers to the 2007 national championship.

In addition to his five seasons at the collegiate level, Pelini coached in the NFL for nine seasons, serving three years each with the San Francisco 49ers, New England Patriots and Green Bay Packers. Pelini was a team captain and four-year letterman as a safety at Ohio State from 1987 to 1990.

ASSISTANT COACHES



Tim Beck
Offensive Coord./
Quarterbacks



Ron Brown
Running Backs



Barney Cotton
Associate Head
Coach/Offensive Line



Ross Els
LBs/Special Teams
Coord./Recruiting Coord.



Rich Fisher
Wide Receivers



John Garrison
Assistant
Offensive Line



Terry Joseph
Secondary



Rick Kaczinski
Defensive Line



John Papuchis
Defensive
Coordinator



2012 STATISTICAL LEADERS

TEAM STATISTICS

SCORING

Points Per Game

FIRST DOWNS

Rushing

Passing

Penalty

RUSHING YARDAGE

Rushing Attempts

Average Per Rush

Average Per Game

TDs Rushing

PASSING YARDAGE

Comp-Att-Int

Average Per Pass

Average Per Catch

Average Per Game

TDs Passing

TOTAL OFFENSE

Average Per Play

Average Per Game

KICK RETURNS: #-Yards

PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards

INT RETURNS: #-Yards

FUMBLES-LOST

PENALTIES-Yards

PUNTS-Yards

TIME OF POSSESSION/Game

3RD-DOWN Conversions

4TH-DOWN Conversions

NEB

425

35.4

281

154

104

23

3,026

566

5.3

252.2

28

2,505

199-317-9

7.9

12.6

208.8

22

5,531

6.3

460.9

36-766

28-271

11-163

32-20

76-738

53-2,212

30:54

71/164

6/8

OPP

271

22.6

206

89

89

28

1,994

478

4.2

166.2

17

1,826

161-354-11

5.2

11.3

152.2

12

3,820

4.6

318.3

30-639

21-241

9-130

21-10

67-622

81-3,228

29:06

61/184

4/13



I-back Ameer Abdullah is Nebraska's rushing leader, accounting for 1,071 yards and eight touchdowns, while also ranking as one of the nation's top punt returners.

RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Lg	Avg
Abdullah, Ameer	12	214	1,127	56	1,071	5.0	8	45	89.2
Martinez, Taylor	12	156	1,065	232	833	5.3	8	92	69.4
Burkhead, Rex	6	63	482	8	474	7.5	4	73	79.0

PASSING	G	Effic	Comp-Att-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lg	Avg
Martinez, Taylor	12	148.34	195-308-8	63.3	2,483	21	74	206.9
Kellogg III, Ron	6	79.42	4-9-1	44.4	22	1	8	3.7

RECEIVING	G	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg	Avg
Bell, Kenny	12	44	789	17.9	8	74	65.8
Enunwa, Quincy	12	35	408	11.7	1	35	34.0
Turner, Jamal	12	24	332	13.8	2	36	27.7
Abdullah, Ameer	12	23	167	7.3	2	26	13.9

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg
Abdullah, Ameer	16	209	13.1	1	81

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg
Abdullah, Ameer	13	270	20.8	0	83
Bell, Kenny	13	296	22.8	0	47

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	Lg	Blk
Maher, Brett	18-24	75.0	1-1	5-5	5-7	4-6	3-5	54	0

SCORING	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	Points
Maher, Brett	0	18-24	51-51	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	105
Abdullah, Ameer	11	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	66
Bell, Kenny	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	48
Martinez, Taylor	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-1	0	0	48
Cross, Imani	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	36

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Martinez, Taylor	12	464	833	2,483	3,316	276.3
Abdullah, Ameer	12	214	1,071	0	1,071	89.2
Burkhead, Rex	6	63	474	0	474	79.0

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg
Stafford, Daimion	4	28	7.0	0	22
Smith, P.J.	2	53	26.5	0	53
Jean-Baptiste, Stanley	2	48	24.0	1	48

TACKLES	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL/Yds	Sacks-Yards
Compton, Will	30	68	98	5.5-28	3.0-26
Stafford, Daimion	42	41	83	2.5-19	1.0-16
Smith, P.J.	36	39	75	6.0-12	1.5-4
Whaley, Alonzo	22	39	61	3.0-11	1.0-8

ALL PURPOSE	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg
Abdullah, Ameer	1,071	167	209	270	0	1,717	143.1
Bell, Kenny	8	789	0	296	0	1,093	91.1
Martinez, Taylor	833	0	0	0	0	833	69.4

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Lg	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
Maher, Brett	53	2,212	41.7	69	3	7	16	0

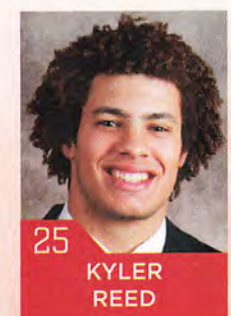
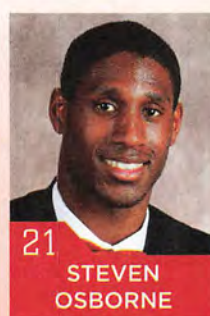
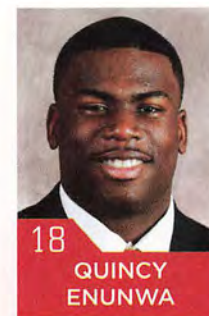
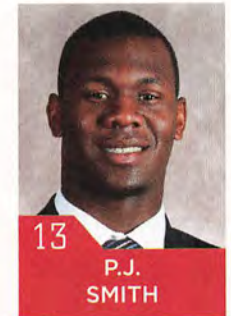
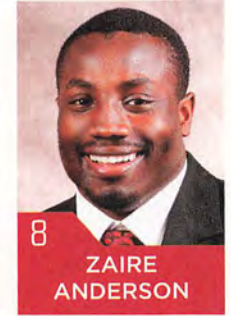
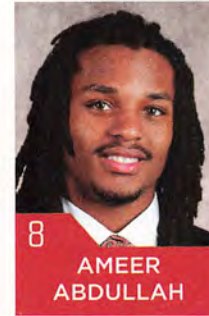
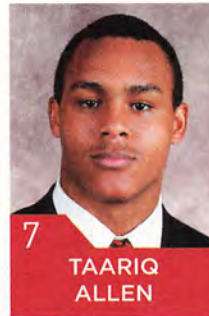
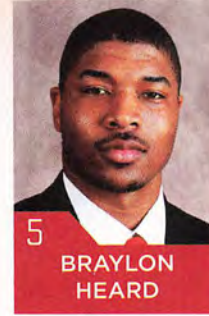
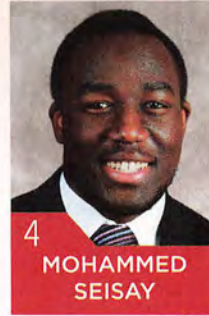
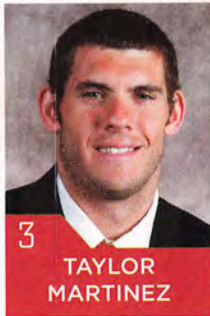
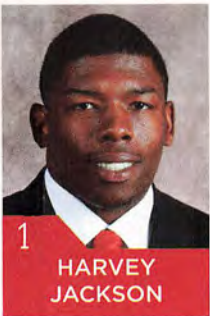


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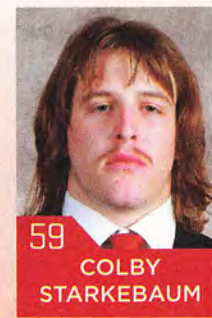
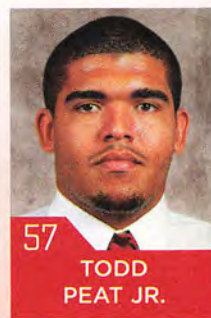
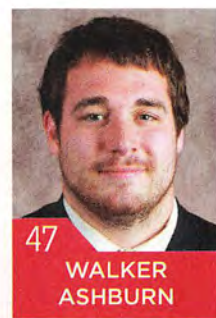
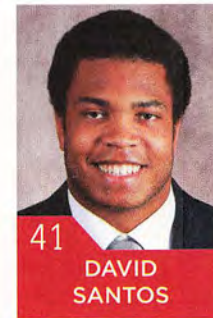
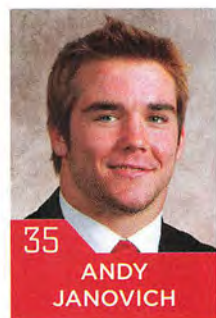
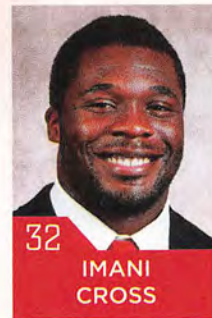
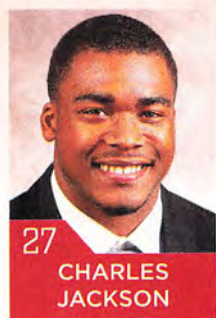


No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown	No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown
1	Harvey Jackson	S	6-2	210	So.	Fresno, Texas	44	Micah Kreikemeier	LB	6-3	220	Sr.	West Point, Neb.
1	Jordan Westerkamp	WR	6-0	200	Fr.	Lombard, Ill.	44	Brandon Reilly	WR	6-1	180	Fr.	Lincoln, Neb.
2	Corey Cooper	S	6-1	210	So.	Maywood, Ill.	45	Lane Hovey	WR	6-4	190	Fr.	Adel, Iowa
2	Alonzo Moore	WR	6-2	170	Fr.	Winnfield, La.	45	Alonzo Whaley	LB	6-1	230	Sr.	Madisonville, Texas
3	Taylor Martinez	QB	6-1	200	Jr.	Corona, Calif.	46	Sam Burtch	WR	6-3	190	Fr.	Murdock, Neb.
3	Daimion Stafford	S	6-1	205	Sr.	Norco, Calif.	46	Eric Martin	DE	6-2	250	Sr.	Moreno Valley, Calif.
4	Mohammed Seisay	CB	6-2	200	Jr.	Springfield, Va.	47	Walker Ashburn	DE	6-2	255	So.	Kenner, La.
4	Tommy Armstrong Jr.	QB	6-1	215	Fr.	Cibolo, Texas	48	Tobi Okuyemi	DT	6-2	275	So.	Maple Grove, Minn.
5	Braylon Heard	IB	5-11	185	So.	Youngstown, Ohio	49	Matt Manninger	LB	6-1	220	Sr.	Omaha, Neb.
5	Josh Mitchell	CB	5-11	155	So.	Corona, Calif.	50	Garret Johns	OL	6-0	275	Fr.	Aurora, Neb.
6	Tim Marlowe	WR	5-10	175	Sr.	Youngstown, Ohio	51	Brandon Chapek	OL	6-5	310	Jr.	Wahoo, Neb.
7	Taariq Allen	WR	6-3	200	Fr.	Weston, Mass.	51	Will Compton	LB	6-2	230	Sr.	Bonne Terre, Mo.
7	Joseph Carter	DE	6-5	265	Sr.	Jackson, S.C.	53	Adam Kucera	OL	6-6	300	Fr.	Litchfield, Neb.
8	Ameer Abdullah	IB	5-9	185	So.	Homewood, Ala.	53	Thad Randle	DT	6-1	295	Jr.	Galena Park, Texas
8	Zaire Anderson	LB	5-11	220	Jr.	Philadelphia, Pa.	54	Mitch McCann	LB	6-0	220	Fr.	Omaha, Neb.
9	Jason Ankrh	DE	6-4	265	Jr.	Gaithersburg, Md.	54	Robby Painter	OL	6-4	250	Fr.	Centennial, Colo.
9	Tyson Broekemeier	QB	6-1	190	Fr.	Aurora, Neb.	55	Baker Steinkuhler	DT	6-6	290	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb.
10	Jamal Turner	WR	6-1	185	So.	Arlington, Texas	55	Paul Thurston	OL	6-5	275	Fr.	Arvada, Colo.
11	Andrew Green	CB	6-0	195	Jr.	San Antonio, Texas	56	Mark Peline	OL	6-0	285	So.	Youngstown, Ohio
12	Ron Kellogg III	QB	6-1	210	Jr.	Omaha, Neb.	56	Brad Simpson	LB	6-0	195	Fr.	Omaha, Neb.
12	Courtney Osborne	S	6-3	200	Sr.	Garland, Texas	57	Todd Peat Jr.	DT	6-3	305	Fr.	Tempe, Ariz.
13	P.J. Smith	S	6-2	210	Sr.	River Ridge, La.	57	Zach Sterup	OL	6-8	300	Fr.	Hastings, Neb.
14	Bronson Marsh	QB	6-0	195	Fr.	Omaha, Neb.	58	Corey Whitaker	OL	6-4	280	Fr.	Murrieta, Calif.
14	Jonathan Rose	CB	6-1	180	So.	Leeds, Ala.	59	Will Sailors	OL	6-3	270	Fr.	Lincoln, Neb.
15	Brion Carnes	WR	6-1	200	So.	Bradenton, Fla.	59	Colby Starkebaum	LB	6-1	220	Jr.	Sterling, Colo.
15	Michael Rose	LB	5-11	230	Fr.	Kansas City, Mo.	61	Spencer Long	OL	6-4	305	Jr.	Elkhorn, Neb.
16	Stanley Jean-Baptiste	CB	6-3	215	Jr.	Miami, Fla.	61	Jeff Uher	DT	6-1	280	So.	Omaha, Neb.
16	Evan Williams	QB	5-10	158	Fr.	Foster City, Calif.	62	Cole Pensick	OL	6-2	275	Jr.	Lincoln, Neb.
17	Ciante Evans	CB	5-11	185	Jr.	Arlington, Texas	63	Andrew Rodriguez	OL	6-6	325	Jr.	Aurora, Neb.
17	Ryker Fyfe	QB	6-2	180	Fr.	Grand Island, Neb.	65	Ryne Reeves	OL	6-3	295	Fr.	Crete, Neb.
18	LeRoy Alexander	DB	6-0	185	Fr.	Toledo, Ohio	66	Dylan Utter	OL	6-1	300	Fr.	Papillion, Neb.
18	Quincy Enunwa	WR	6-2	215	Jr.	Moreno Valley, Calif.	67	Scott Criss	OL	6-3	280	Jr.	Omaha, Neb.
19	Mike Marrow	FB	6-2	250	Jr.	Holland, Ohio	68	Jake Cotton	OL	6-6	295	So.	Lincoln, Neb.
19	Wil Richards	S	5-11	195	Jr.	Lee's Summit, Mo.	69	Brodrick Nickens	OL	6-5	305	Jr.	Alliance, Neb.
21	Steven Osborne	WR	6-4	205	Sr.	Garland, Texas	70	Kenny Anderson	DT	6-2	260	Sr.	Omaha, Neb.
22	Rex Burkhead	IB	5-11	210	Sr.	Plano, Texas	70	Nick Ash	OL	6-5	285	Jr.	Keller, Texas
22	Anthony Ridder	CB	6-2	195	Fr.	West Point, Neb.	71	Jeremiah Sirls	OL	6-6	310	Jr.	Lakewood, Colo.
23	Daniel Davie	CB	6-1	185	Fr.	Beatrice, Neb.	72	Justin Jackson	OL	6-3	280	Sr.	Roca, Neb.
23	King Frazier	IB	6-0	205	Fr.	Lee's Summit, Mo.	74	Mike Moudy	OL	6-5	305	So.	Castle Rock, Colo.
24	Murat Kuzu	IB	5-11	195	Fr.	Plano, Texas	75	Chris Long	OL	6-4	280	Fr.	Blair, Neb.
24	Austin Williams	LB	6-0	200	So.	Omaha, Neb.	76	Brent Qvale	OL	6-7	315	Jr.	Williston, N.D.
25	Joey Felici	CB	5-9	175	So.	Omaha, Neb.	77	Seung Hoon Choi	OL	6-2	295	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb.
25	Kyler Reed	TE	6-3	230	Sr.	Shawnee, Kan.	78	Givens Price	OL	6-4	290	Fr.	Houston, Texas
26	Yusef Wade	CB	5-10	185	So.	Lincoln, Neb.	79	Brandon Thompson	OL	6-6	300	Sr.	The Woodlands, Texas
27	Sam Foltz	WR	6-1	185	Fr.	Grand Island, Neb.	80	Kenny Bell	WR	6-1	185	So.	Boulder, Colo.
27	Charles Jackson	CB	5-11	175	Fr.	Spring, Texas	81	Ben Cotton	TE	6-6	255	Sr.	Ames, Iowa
28	Thomas Brown	LB	6-2	210	Fr.	Gardena, Calif.	82	Tyler Wullenwaber	WR	6-1	195	So.	Utica, Neb.
29	Seth Jameson	S	6-1	195	Jr.	Southlake, Texas	83	Jared Blum	TE	6-4	230	Fr.	Gretna, Neb.
29	Graham Nabity	IB	6-0	200	Fr.	Omaha, Neb.	84	Sam Cotton	TE	6-4	230	Fr.	Lincoln, Neb.
30	Derek Foster	CB	5-11	190	So.	Elm Creek, Neb.	85	KC Hyland	WR	6-6	220	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb.
30	Richard Wynne Jr.	WR	5-9	180	Fr.	Omaha, Neb.	86	David Sutton	TE	6-3	240	Fr.	Lincoln, Neb.
31	Jase Dean	S	6-0	200	Sr.	Bridgeport, Neb.	87	Taylor Dixon	WR	5-11	195	Sr.	Wauneta, Neb.
31	C.J. Zimmerer	FB	6-0	230	Jr.	Omaha, Neb.	88	Ross Dzuris	DE	6-3	235	Fr.	Plattsmouth, Neb.
32	Imani Cross	IB	6-1	225	Fr.	Gainesville, Ga.	88	Tyler Evans	WR	6-1	200	So.	Waverly, Neb.
32	Greg Milliken	DB	6-1	200	Fr.	Wahoo, Neb.	89	Conor McDermott	TE	6-2	245	Sr.	Omaha, Neb.
33	Jared Afalava	LB	6-3	215	Fr.	South Jordan, Utah	90	Greg McMullen	DE	6-3	280	Fr.	Akron, Ohio
34	Carson Collins	FB	5-8	220	Fr.	Omaha, Neb.	91	Colin Clare	PK	5-10	170	Fr.	Lincoln, Neb.
34	Cameron Meredith	DE	6-4	260	Sr.	Huntington Beach, Calif.	91	Donovan Vestal	DE	6-5	260	So.	Arlington, Texas
35	Andy Janovich	FB	6-1	215	Fr.	Gretna, Neb.	92	P.J. Mangieri	LS	6-4	240	Sr.	Peoria, Ill.
37	Mauro Bondi	PK	6-0	200	So.	Boca Raton, Fla.	92	Kevin Williams	DT	6-2	265	Fr.	Holland, Ohio
38	Aaron Gabriel	LB	6-0	210	Fr.	Marion, Ohio	94	Avery Moss	DE	6-2	260	Fr.	Tempe, Ariz.
38	Graham Stoddard	FB	6-2	230	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb.	95	Jack Gangwish	LB	6-2	230	Fr.	Wood River, Neb.
39	Justin Blatchford	S	6-1	200	Sr.	Ponca, Neb.	95	Spencer Lindsay	PK	5-9	190	Fr.	Kearney, Neb.
39	Jordan Nelson	IB	5-7	170	Fr.	Omaha, Neb.	96	Aaron Curry	DT	6-1	280	Fr.	Keller, Texas
40	Max Pirman	LB	6-5	220	Fr.	Orrville, Ohio	96	Brett Maher	P-PK	6-0	185	Sr.	Kearney, Neb.
41	Jake Long	TE	6-4	240	Jr.	Elkhorn, Neb.	97	Chase Rome	DT	6-3	285	So.	Columbia, Mo.
41	David Santos	LB	6-0	220	Fr.	Spring, Texas	97	Joseph Rotherham	LS	6-0	220	Fr.	Green Bay, Wis.
42	Sean Fisher	LB	6-6	230	Sr.	Omaha, Neb.	98	Eddie Ridder	TE	6-6	235	Fr.	Omaha, Neb.
42	Trey Foster	TE	6-0	235	Fr.	Lincoln, Neb.	98	Vincent Valentine	DT	6-3	320	Fr.	Edwardsville, Ill.
43	Cole Chvatal	WR	5-11	175	Fr.	Wahoo, Neb.	99	Jay Guy	DT	6-1	290	So.	Houston, Texas
43	Trevor Roach	LB	6-2	230	So.	Elkhorn, Neb.							

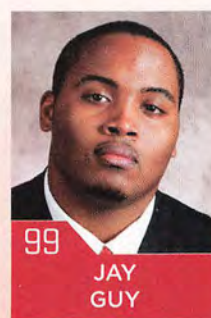
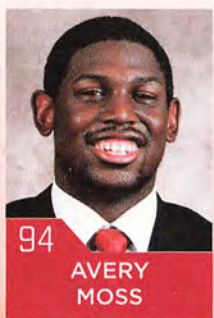
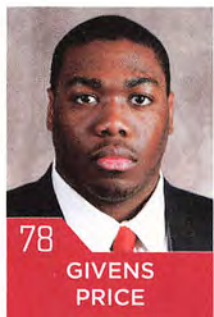
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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
BADGERS

BREAKING DOWN THE BADGERS

By Steve Villatoro

Here we go again.

Once again, the Badgers find themselves under the bright lights of Lucas Oil Stadium. Wisconsin took down Michigan State, 42-39, in last year's inaugural game, as the Badgers earned a second consecutive trip to the Rose Bowl Game.

Wisconsin welcomes back some familiar faces from last season's Big Ten Championship squad. Senior running back and all-time NCAA touchdown leader Montee Ball returns after scoring three rushing touchdowns and gaining 137 yards on the ground in last year's game. Jared Abbrederis also makes his second trip to the Circle City, as the senior wideout led the Badgers with 65 yards receiving and caught a touchdown in the inaugural game.

The rest of the Wisconsin offense is also highly touted. With more than 1,600 pounds on the offensive line, led by senior left tackle Ricky Wagner, Wisconsin boasts one of the premier rushing attacks in the conference. Although Ball is the Badgers' leading rusher this season, junior back James White has proven that he can carry the workload as well.

A stout defense, led by returning All-Big Ten linebackers Chris Borland and Mike Taylor, looks to hold the opposing offense in check. Borland, a junior, and Taylor, a senior, are among the conference leaders

in tackles this season. Taylor also ranks among the Big Ten's all-time leaders in forced fumbles, placing in the top five on the career list.

After a 3-2 start to the season, including road setbacks to Nebraska and Oregon State, a trip to the title game looked grim for the Badger hopeful. Ball, who tallied three touchdowns in the Nebraska game, knew the mindset in Madison had to change.

"This is the worst feeling ever. We had it. We clearly had it," Ball said after the game. "We were dominating the entire game until, well, the entire first half. We just have to play a four-quarter game. We have to keep our foot on the gas."

The senior captain could not have made his point more clear.

The next three weeks saw the Badgers outscore their opponents 107-41 in three victories. On October 6 against Illinois, Ball tacked on two more touchdowns, while quarterback Joel Stave threw for two scores in a 31-14 win. Taylor and Borland led the defensive effort, recording 12 and 10 tackles, respectively, against the Illini. The Badgers carried this momentum to Purdue the following week, as a Big Ten record that stood since 1999 was finally broken.

Against the Boilermakers, Ball erupted for 247 rushing yards and three touchdowns, breaking the previous Big Ten touchdown record held by former Badger Ron Dayne with the 72nd score of his career.



Montee Ball now holds the NCAA career record in touchdowns scored, as one of three players in NCAA history to score 70 touchdowns. He is also one of only four players to run for 100 yards in back-to-back Rose Bowl Games.

BREAKING DOWN THE BADGERS



White added 124 yards rushing, as the Badgers amassed 467 rushing yards and 645 yards of total offense on a rainy day in West Lafayette.

After a slow start, the Badgers seemed to be hitting their stride at just the right time.

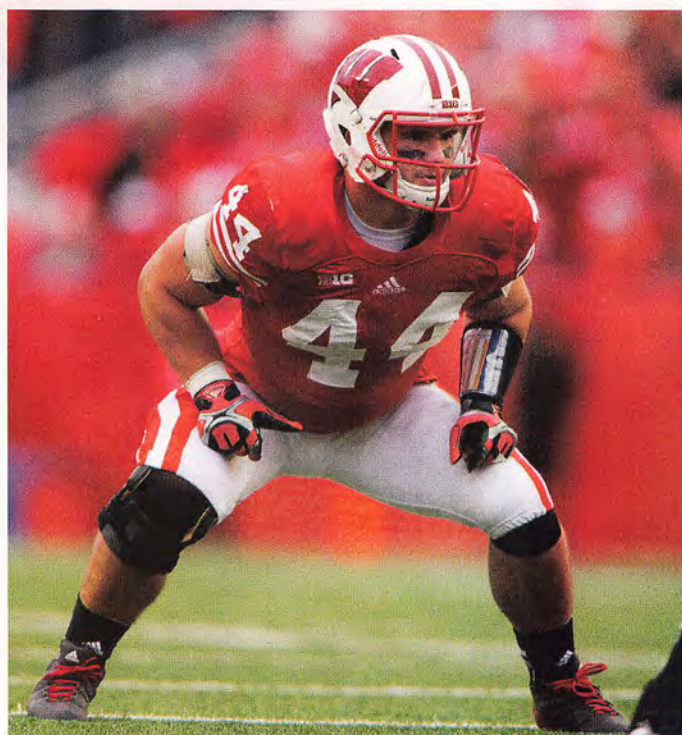
"We're a 5-2 team, we would love to have seven wins, but obviously had two setbacks," head coach Bret Bielema said after the Purdue game. "If you get better every week, that's what you feel good about as a coach and as players, and I think that's happened."

White was the leading rusher in a 38-13 triumph over Minnesota on Oct. 20. With Paul Bunyan's Axe on the line, he scampered for 175 yards and three scores on only 15 carries, leading the Badgers to their ninth straight victory over the Gophers.

Wisconsin would suffer a 16-13 overtime heartbreaker to Michigan State, but had the opportunity to clinch its berth in the Big Ten Championship Game the following week against Indiana.

The Badgers' dominant rushing attack was on full display, as Wisconsin ran for a school-record 564 yards in a 62-14 win over the Hoosiers. Ball tallied 198 yards on the ground and three scores, and White notched 161 yards and two touchdowns. Senior quarterback Curt Phillips got the start for the Badgers, filling in for the injured Stave, throwing for a touchdown and rushing for 68 yards in the win that clinched Wisconsin's spot in the title game.

The Badgers' season has seen its highs and lows, but its veteran leadership has led them back to Indianapolis. If Wisconsin finds a way to make the big plays they made in the inaugural game, the Badgers will be jumpin' around in Pasadena once again.



Chris Borland is once again one of the top tacklers in the Big Ten, ranking in the top 25 all time for the Badgers.



Wisconsin is looking to capture a third straight Big Ten Championship for the first time in school history. The Badgers have made eight appearances in the Rose Bowl Game.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

The University of Wisconsin is a world-class university, nationally and internationally recognized for its academic excellence, incredible students, inspiring faculty, exceptional value and an amazing campus and community.

On a single campus, students can find a complete spectrum of liberal arts studies, professional programs and student activities. As one of the nation's first land-grant universities, Wisconsin maintains a strong research emphasis in agricultural and life sciences. Award-winning research spanning the academic disciplines, however, has earned Wisconsin a place among the world's elite institutions of higher education.

Students can also take advantage of opportunities to study abroad, participate in honors programs, complete an internship, conduct hands-on research and take service-learning courses.

One of the most picturesque college campuses in the country, Wisconsin sits along the shore of beautiful Lake Mendota. The city of Madison and the university were designed to be linked, signifying the interrelated nature of academic and political life at Wisconsin.

Growing with the times to meet changing needs in education and research has kept the university great. With an eye to the future, the



UW-Madison, a public, land-grant institution, offers a complete spectrum of liberal arts studies, professional programs and student activities.

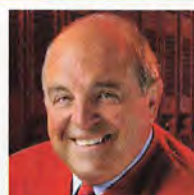
university continues to change, guaranteeing a community and environment where true learning can take place.

UW-Madison offers instruction in nine undergraduate schools, offering 134 majors and more than 4,300 courses. Learning takes place in a variety of settings — from traditional classrooms, to undergraduate research opportunities and service-learning experiences in the community. Additional opportunities for growth range from the more than 760 student organizations to unique residential learning communities.

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION



David Ward
Interim Chancellor



Barry Alvarez
Director of Athletics

WISCONSIN QUICK FACTS

Location: Madison, Wis.
Founded: 1848
Enrollment: 42,818
Home Field: Camp Randall Stadium
Capacity: 80,321
Athletics Website: UWBadgers.com
Twitter: @BadgerFootball



Dale Bjorling
Faculty Representative



Sheila McGuirk
Faculty Representative



Terry Gawlik
Senior Woman Administrator



The campus is located in the city of Madison, spanning 936 acres along the southern shore of Lake Mendota.

HEAD COACH BRET BIELEMA



The easy way to sum up Bret Bielema's six-year career as Wisconsin's head coach is to look at the numbers. More than 60 wins, six bowl appearances, five times ranked in the final Associated Press top 25, two Big Ten titles and two trips to the Rose Bowl Game.

Under Bielema's watch, UW has extended its school-record bowl streak to 10 seasons, the second-longest active streak in the Big Ten and tied for the ninth-longest streak in the country.

In Bielema's six seasons as head coach, UW has had 16 players earn All-America honors, including 10 first-team All-Americans.

Last season UW won the inaugural Big Ten Football Championship Game, defeating Michigan State, 42-39 in Indianapolis, to advance to the Rose Bowl Game for the second-straight season. It was just the third time in the last 19 years that a Big Ten team advanced to the Rose Bowl Game in back-to-back seasons (Wisconsin also did so in 1999 and 2000).

In 2010, the Badgers won a share of their 12th Big Ten Championship in school history and first since 1999. UW tied a school record with seven conference victories. The Badgers earned their seventh-ever trip to the Rose Bowl Game, and their first since 1999.

Bielema guided the Badgers to a 12-1 overall record and 7-1 mark in the Big Ten (good for a second-place tie with Michigan) during his rookie year in 2006. No previous Wisconsin team had won more than 11 games in a season. In addition, Bielema became just the third rookie head coach in NCAA Bowl Subdivision history to pilot his team to 12 victories.

Bielema's efforts were rewarded when he was named the 2006 Dave McClain Big Ten Coach of the Year.

Bielema was Wisconsin's defensive coordinator in 2004 and 2005. During Bielema's two years guiding the Badger defense, two players earned first-team All-America honors and two others were first-team All-Big Ten selections.

Bielema was co-defensive coordinator at Kansas State under head coach Bill Snyder from 2002-03. Prior to his years at Kansas State, Bielema spent nine seasons as an assistant coach at his alma



ASSISTANT COACHES



Chris Ash
Defensive
Coord./DBs



Zach Azzanni
Wide Receivers



Andy Buh
Linebackers



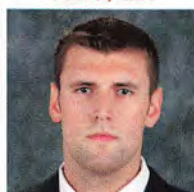
Matt Canada
Offensive
Coord./QBs



Eddie Faulkner
Tight Ends



Thomas Hammock
Asst. Head Coach/
RBs/Recruiting Coord.



Bart Miller
Interim
Offensive Line



Charlie Partridge
Assoc. Head Coach/
Co-Def. Coord./DL



Ben Strickland
Secondary

mater, Iowa, where he worked for head coaches Hayden Fry and Kirk Ferentz.

Bielema earned four letters (1989-92) after joining the Iowa football program as a walk-on. He earned a scholarship after his first year and was a member of Iowa's 1990 Big Ten Championship team.

A 1992 graduate of Iowa with a bachelor's degree in marketing, Bielema was born in Prophetstown, Ill. He and his wife, Jen, were married in March 2012 and live in Madison.



2012 STATISTICAL LEADERS

TEAM STATISTICS

SCORING	WIS	OPP
Points Per Game	330	217
FIRST DOWNS	27.5	18.1
Rushing	226	194
Passing	127	68
Penalty	88	116
RUSHING YARDAGE	11	10
Rushing Attempts	2,552	1,336
Average Per Rush	540	393
Average Per Game	4.7	3.4
TDs Rushing	212.7	111.3
PASSING YARDAGE	29	8
Comp-Att-Int	2,013	2,359
Average Per Pass	152-264-5	224-410-6
Average Per Catch	7.6	5.8
Average Per Game	13.2	10.5
TDs Passing	167.8	196.6
TOTAL OFFENSE	13	18
Average Per Play	4,565	3,695
Average Per Game	5.7	4.6
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	380.4	307.9
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	20-461	42-811
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	23-205	26-180
FUMBLES-LOST	6-129	5-30
PENALTIES-Yards	19-6	17-6
PUNTS-Yards	45-415	54-466
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	71-2,870	86-3,385
3RD-DOWN Conversions	32:40	27:20
4TH-DOWN Conversions	57/170	60/185
	9/17	12/19



Mike Taylor has posted a second straight season of more than 100 tackles. He is tied for second in the Big Ten in tackles this season.

RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Lg	Avg
Ball, Montee	12	311	1,607	79	1,528	4.9	18	67	127.3
White, James	12	104	713	20	693	6.7	8	69	57.8
Gordon, Melvin	12	44	366	12	354	8.0	2	51	29.5

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Ball, Montee	12	311	1,528	0	1,528	127.3
Stave, Joel	7	137	-51	1,104	1,053	150.4
White, James	12	105	693	0	693	57.8

PASSING	G	Effic	Cmp-Att-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lg	Avg
Stave, Joel	7	149.61	70-118-3	59.3	1,104	6	62	157.7
O'Brien, Danny	7	120.73	52-86-1	60.5	523	3	53	74.7
Phillips, Curt	5	129.16	30-57-1	52.6	386	4	57	77.2

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg
Smith, Devin	3	45	15.0	0	44
Southward, Dezmen	1	31	31.0	0	31
O'Neill, Conor	1	53	53.0	0	53
Armstrong, Ethan	1	0	0.0	0	0

RECEIVING	G	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg	Avg
Abbrederis, Jared	11	44	764	17.4	5	60	69.5
Pedersen, Jacob	12	25	337	13.5	4	31	28.1
Fredrick, Jordan	12	16	192	12.0	0	20	16.0
Doc, Kenzel	12	15	116	7.7	0	19	9.7

TACKLES	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL/Yds	Sacks-Yards
Taylor, Mike	63	52	115	14.0-51	2.0-25
Armstrong, Ethan	49	34	83	2.0-6	0-0
Borland, Chris	43	39	82	9.0-39	4.5-29
Smith, Devin	34	21	55	1.0-4	1.0-4

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg
Abbrederis, Jared	14	104	7.4	0	34

ALL PURPOSE	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg
Ball, Montee	1,528	65	0	0	0	1,593	132.8
Abbrederis, Jared	83	764	104	0	0	951	86.5
White, James	693	105	0	114	0	912	76.0

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg
Gordon, Melvin	7	151	21.6	0	32
White, James	6	114	19.0	0	26

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Lg	TB	FC	120	Blkd
Meyer, Drew	70	2,870	41.0	55	5	28	31	1

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
French, Kyle	10-15	66.7	1-1	1-1	6-8	2-5	0-0	46	1

SCORING	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	Points
Ball, Montee	18	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	108
French, Kyle	0	10-15	32-34	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	62
White, James	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	54
Abbrederis, Jared	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	30

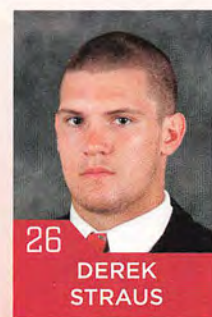
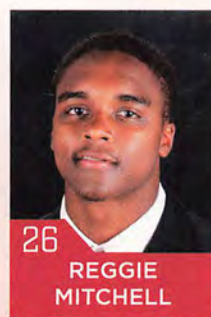
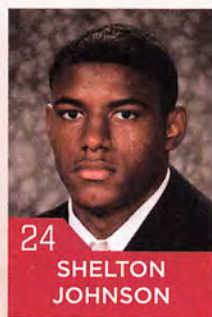
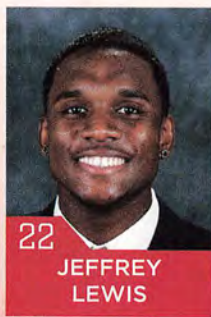
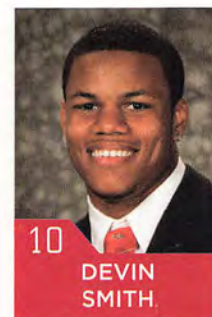
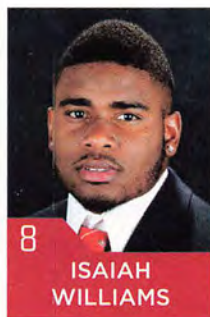
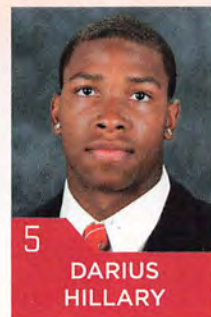


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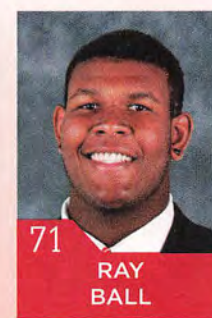
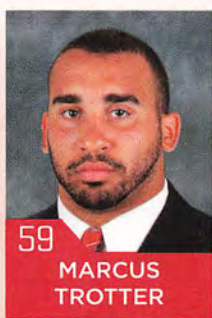
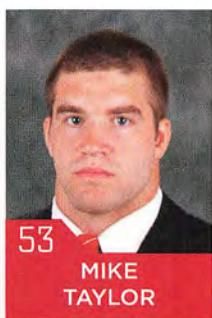
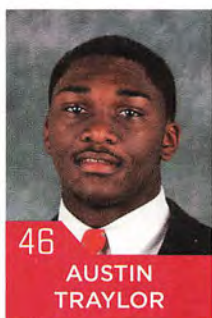
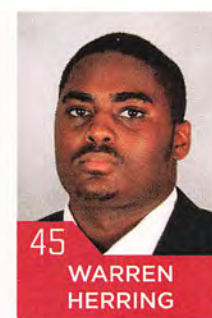
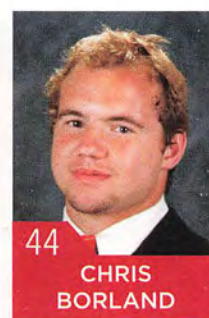
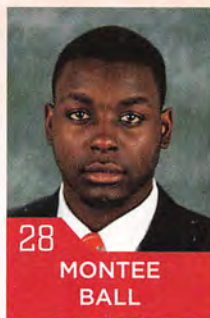
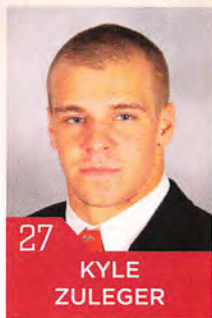


No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown	No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown
1	A.J. Jordan	WR	6-0	180	Fr.	Dayton, Ohio	44	Chris Borland	LB	5-11	242	Jr.	Kettering, Ohio
2	Joel Stave	QB	6-5	219	Fr.	Greenfield, Wis.	45	Warren Herring	DL	6-3	278	So.	Fairview Heights, Ill.
3	Kenzel Doe	WR	5-8	170	So.	Reidsville, N.C.	46	Jake Rademacher	LB	6-2	225	Fr.	Wales, Wis.
4	Jared Abbrederis	WR	6-2	188	Jr.	Wautoma, Wis.	46	Austin Traylor	TE	6-3	233	Fr.	Columbus, Ohio
5	Jon Budmayr	QB	6-0	195	Jr.	Woodstock, Ill.	47	Vince Biegel	LB	6-3	225	Fr.	Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.
5	Darius Hillary	DB	5-11	190	Fr.	Cincinnati, Ohio	48	Jacob Pedersen	TE	6-4	237	Jr.	Menominee, Mich.
6	Danny O'Brien	QB	6-3	223	Jr.	Kernersville, N.C.	49	Sam Arneson	TE	6-4	257	So.	Merrill, Wis.
7	Michael Caputo	DB	6-1	210	Fr.	Imperial, Pa.	50	Josh Harrison	DL	6-0	230	So.	Huber Heights, Ohio
8	Isaiah Williams	WR	6-1	200	So.	Miami, Fla.	51	Tyler Dippel	DL	6-4	262	Jr.	Slinger, Wis.
9	Jordan Fredrick	WR	6-3	215	Fr.	Madison, Wis.	52	Nick Hill	LB	6-2	218	Jr.	Texarkana, Texas
9	Chase Knox	QB	6-1	191	Fr.	San Diego, Calif.	53	Mike Taylor	LB	6-2	224	Sr.	Ashwaubenon, Wis.
10	Curt Phillips	QB	6-3	214	Sr.	Kingsport, Tenn.	54	Kyle Costigan	OL	6-4	313	So.	Wind Lake, Wis.
10	Devin Smith	DB	5-11	186	Sr.	Coppell, Texas	55	Trent Denlinger	DL	6-6	271	Fr.	Cuba City, Wis.
11	David Gilbert	DL	6-4	250	Jr.	Coral Springs, Fla.	55	Joseph McNamara	OL	6-1	312	So.	Pembroke Pines, Fla.
12	Matt Salerno	P	6-2	184	Fr.	Chatfield, Minn.	56	Riki Kodanko	OL	6-9	342	So.	Green Bay, Wis.
12	Dezmen Southward	DB	6-2	213	Jr.	Sunrise, Fla.	56	James McGuire	LS	6-1	208	So.	St. Paul, Minn.
13	Bart Houston	QB	6-4	217	Fr.	Dublin, Calif.	57	Jake Meador	OL	6-7	341	Fr.	Whiteland, Ind.
13	Conor O'Neill	LB	6-0	220	Jr.	Delray Beach, Fla.	57	Ben Ruechel	LB	6-1	227	So.	Oconto, Wis.
14	Marcus Cromartie	DB	6-1	192	Sr.	Mansfield, Texas	58	Jacob Ninneman	DL	6-1	284	So.	Oregon, Wis.
14	Nate Hammon	DB	6-1	200	Fr.	Milton, Wis.	58	Rick Wagner	OL	6-6	317	Sr.	West Allis, Wis.
15	Thad Armstrong	QB	6-5	195	Fr.	Ottawa, Ill.	59	Marcus Trotter	LB	6-0	229	So.	Racine, Wis.
15	Jeff Duckworth	WR	6-0	207	Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio	60	Connor Udelhoven	LS	6-0	222	Fr.	St. Paul, Minn.
16	Reggie Love	WR	6-3	206	Fr.	Boynton Beach, Fla.	61	Tyler Marz	OL	6-7	314	Fr.	Springfield, Minn.
16	Clay Rust	QB	6-5	193	Fr.	Sturtevant, Wis.	62	Walker Williams	OL	6-7	313	Fr.	Tacoma, Wash.
17	Jack Russell	K	6-0	162	Fr.	Waukegan, Wis.	64	Robert Burge	OL	6-7	323	Sr.	Holmen, Wis.
18	Lance Baretz	WR	5-11	194	Fr.	Franklin, Wis.	65	Jonathan Coon	OL	6-7	312	Fr.	Franklin, Wis.
18	Dare Ogunbowale	DB	5-11	175	Fr.	Milwaukee, Wis.	68	Logan Schmidt	DL	6-5	266	Fr.	Gotham, Wis.
19	Hugs Etienne	DB	5-11	168	Fr.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	70	Dan Voltz	OL	6-4	301	Fr.	Barrington, Ill.
19	Joe Schobert	DB	6-2	205	Fr.	Waukesha, Wis.	71	Ray Ball	OL	6-7	327	Fr.	Columbus, Ohio
20	James White	RB	5-10	197	Jr.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	72	Travis Frederick	OL	6-4	338	Jr.	Sharon, Wis.
21	Peniel Jean	DB	5-11	190	So.	West Palm Beach, Fla.	73	Dallas Lewallen	OL	6-6	309	So.	Berlin, Wis.
22	Darius Feaster	DB	5-11	208	Jr.	Mequon, Wis.	74	Konrad Zagzebski	DL	6-3	263	So.	Weston, Wis.
22	Jeffrey Lewis	RB	6-2	210	So.	Brookfield, Wis.	75	Zac Matthias	OL	6-5	320	Jr.	Hemlock, Mich.
23	Vonte Jackson	RB	6-0	196	Fr.	Kenosha, Wis.	76	Arthur Goldberg	DL	6-3	286	Fr.	Mount Lebanon, Pa.
23	Jerry Ponio	DB	6-1	202	Jr.	Chicago, Ill.	77	Bryce Gilbert	DL	6-1	307	So.	Brookfield, Wis.
24	Shelton Johnson	DB	6-0	196	Sr.	Carrollton, Texas	78	Rob Havenstein	OL	6-8	342	So.	Mount Airy, Md.
25	Melvin Gordon	RB	6-1	206	Fr.	Kenosha, Wis.	79	Ryan Groy	OL	6-5	318	Jr.	Middleton, Wis.
26	Reggie Mitchell	DB	6-0	177	Fr.	Pittsburgh, Pa.	81	Brock DeCicco	TE	6-5	246	Jr.	Jefferson Hills, Pa.
26	Derek Straus	RB	6-0	228	Fr.	Waukegan, Wis.	82	Jake Stengel	WR	6-3	196	Fr.	Sheboygan, Wis.
27	Kyle Zuleger	RB	5-11	186	Jr.	Appleton, Wis.	84	Austin Maly	TE	6-5	232	Fr.	Waukegan, Wis.
28	Montee Ball	RB	5-11	215	Sr.	Wentzville, Mo.	85	Brian Wozniak	TE	6-4	256	Jr.	Loveland, Ohio
28	Leo Musso	DB	5-10	193	Fr.	Waukegan, Wis.	86	Sherard Cadogan	FB	6-3	232	So.	Washington Township, N.J.
29	Terrance Floyd	DB	5-10	200	Fr.	Boynton Beach, Fla.	87	Ethan Hemer	DL	6-6	319	Jr.	Medford, Wis.
30	Alex Erickson	WR	6-0	197	Fr.	Darlington, Wis.	87	Marquis Mason	WR	6-4	226	So.	Madison, Wis.
30	Derek Landisch	LB	5-11	230	So.	Nashotah, Wis.	89	Chase Hammond	WR	6-5	216	So.	Youngstown, Ohio
31	Connor Cummins	WR	6-1	193	So.	Kettering, Ohio	90	Drew Meyer	P	6-2	179	Fr.	Hartland, Wis.
31	Josh Peprah	LB	5-11	215	Jr.	McKinney, Texas	90	Matt Prell	TE	6-5	200	Fr.	Kenosha, Wis.
32	Devin Gaulden	DB	5-10	187	So.	Miramar, Fla.	91	Brett Nethery	P	6-2	200	Fr.	Greendale, Wis.
34	Derek Watt	FB	6-2	227	Fr.	Pewaukee, Wis.	92	Pat Muldoon	DL	6-3	258	Jr.	Mason, Ohio
36	Ethan Armstrong	LB	6-2	232	Jr.	Ottawa, Ill.	93	Jake Keefer	DL	6-3	249	Fr.	Woodville, Wis.
37	Kevin MacCudden	FB	5-11	207	So.	Waukesha, Wis.	94	Kyle French	K	6-1	193	So.	Menomonee Falls, Wis.
38	Eric Steffes	TE	6-3	244	Fr.	Mount Calvary, Wis.	96	Beau Allen	DL	6-3	335	Jr.	Minnetonka, Minn.
41	Jesse Hayes	DL	6-3	237	Fr.	Cincinnati, Ohio	96	Stephen Salata	K	6-1	185	Fr.	Buffalo Grove, Ill.
42	Cody Byers	LB	6-2	221	So.	Centerville, Ohio	97	Brendan Kelly	DL	6-6	258	Sr.	Eden Prairie, Minn.
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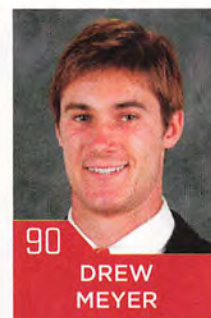
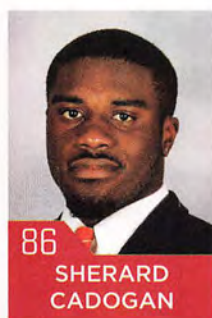
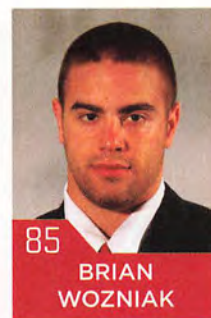
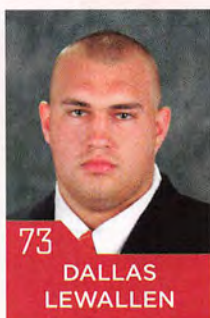
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During the 2011-12 season, the Big Ten claimed seven team national championships, including titles for Illinois men's gymnastics, Minnesota women's ice hockey, Northwestern women's lacrosse, Ohio State fencing and synchronized swimming, Penn State wrestling and Wisconsin men's cross country.

The Big Ten led all conferences with national titles in 12 different NCAA-sponsored championships from 2002-03 to 2011-12. Over that time period, the Big Ten produced championships in cross country, fencing, golf, gymnastics, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball, tennis, track and field, volleyball and wrestling.

STUDENT-ATHLETE OPPORTUNITIES

Big Ten universities provide over \$136 million in direct financial aid to nearly 10,000 student-athletes, more than any conference.

The Big Ten sponsors 25 official conference sports, 12 for men and 13 for women. The 26th conference sport, men's ice hockey, will begin in 2013.

TELEVISION EXPOSURE

The Big Ten's media agreements with CBS Sports, ABC/ESPN, FOX and the Big Ten Network (BTN) provide the conference with its greatest television exposure ever. Nearly 1,000 Big Ten events are produced and distributed nationally on an annual basis.

In 2006, the Big Ten created the first national conference-owned television network, the BTN. It launched on Aug. 30, 2007, and now is in its sixth year of operation. BTN is available to more than 80 million homes across the United States and Canada, through agreements with more than 300 cable, satellite and telco providers, and is available internationally in 20 countries.

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2011 BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Wisconsin defeats Michigan State in inaugural championship game

As if one nail-biter wasn't enough between two teams in a year, Michigan State and Wisconsin delivered yet another exciting finish in the inaugural Big Ten Football Championship Game.

Wisconsin's Montee Ball scored the game-winning touchdown with 3:45 remaining in the game, one of his four trips to the end zone in the contest, to give the Badgers a 42-39 victory over the Spartans and their second straight trip to the Rose Bowl Game.

The Badger win came just over a month after Michigan State pulled off one of the more dramatic victories of the 2011 season on a last-second touchdown heave to hand then-fourth ranked Wisconsin its first loss of the season.

Each squad showcased a vast array of dynamic playmakers throughout the contest. In total, 23 first- or second-team All-Big Ten performers took the field in the inaugural game, the teams combined for more than 800 yards of total offense and each team's standouts delivered when it mattered most.

Ball, who would ultimately set the NCAA record for total touchdowns in a season, scored twice and topped 100 yards in the first quarter alone, guiding the Badgers to an early 21-7 advantage. Not to be outdone, Michigan State's senior leader Kirk Cousins led the Spartans to 22 unanswered points in the second quarter.



Wisconsin's Bret Bielema hoists the Amos Alonzo Stagg Big Ten Championship Trophy after the Badgers' 42-39 victory over Michigan State.



Wisconsin running back Montee Ball finished with 144 total yards and four touchdowns.

He first found B.J. Cunningham on a 30-yard strike to cut the lead to 21-14. A little improvisation led to the Spartans' second score of the quarter. Cousins found Keith Nichol, the man who caught the game-winning touchdown to defeat the Badgers earlier in the year, near the end zone. Just before stepping out of bounds, Nichol lateraled to Cunningham, who took it into the end zone for the score. The Spartan trickery continued when holder Brad Sonntag faked the extra point and ran for two, giving Michigan State a 22-21 lead. A six-yard Le'Veon Bell touchdown run sent the teams into halftime with the Spartans holding a 29-21 advantage.

A pair of deep touchdown passes by each team in the third quarter brought the game toward what was sure to be an exciting finish. Ball scored his third touchdown early in the final frame, but an unsuccessful two-point conversion left the Badgers trailing 36-34. Michigan State worked its final scoring drive down into the Wisconsin red zone, but the Spartans settled for a 25-yard Dan Conroy field goal, making the score 39-34.

The Badgers needed a touchdown to vault back into the lead. An eight-play, 64-yard scoring drive was highlighted by a crucial 36-yard Wilson pass to Jeff Duckworth on fourth down to keep the drive alive. One play later, Ball scored his fourth touchdown of the night with under four minutes to play, giving Wisconsin a 42-39 lead.

A three-and-out led to an MSU punt, giving Wisconsin a chance to run out the clock. Unable to sustain the drive, Wisconsin was forced to punt with under two minutes to play, but a running into the kicker penalty by Michigan State gave the Badgers a first down with the Spartans out of timeouts.

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2011 BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIP GAME



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INAUGURAL BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

December 3, 2011

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Grange-Griffin Most Valuable Player: Russell Wilson, Wisconsin



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SCORING SUMMARY

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	F
Wisconsin Badgers	21	0	7	14	— 42
Michigan State Spartans	7	22	7	3	— 39

Attendance: 64,152

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WIS - Jeff Duckworth 3 yd pass from Russell Wilson (Philip Welch kick), 1Q, 9-71, 10:04
 MSU - Edwin Baker 8 yd run (Dan Conroy kick), 1Q, 6-59, 6:44
 WIS - Montee Ball 6 yd run (Welch kick), 1Q, 7-60, 3:44
 WIS - Ball 6 yd run (Welch kick), 1Q, 2-24, 3:12
 MSU - B.J. Cunningham 30 yd pass from Kirk Cousins (Conroy kick), 2Q, 7-80, 14:55
 MSU - Cunningham 7 yd pass from Cousins (Brad Sonntag rush), 2Q, 6-57, 10:21
 MSU - Le'Veon Bell 6 yd run (Conroy kick), 2Q, 8-84, 3:26
 WIS - Jared Abbrederis 42 yd pass from Wilson (Welch kick), 3Q, 8-62, 9:13
 MSU - Cunningham 44 yd pass from Cousins (Conroy kick), 3Q, 3-48, 1:41
 WIS - Ball 5 yd pass from Wilson (Wilson pass failed), 4Q, 7-52, 13:25
 MSU - Conroy 25 yd field goal, 4Q, 10-52, 8:28
 WIS - Ball 7 yd run (Jacob Pederson pass from Wilson), 4Q, 8-64, 3:45

TEAM STATS

	WIS	MSU
Score	42	39
FIRST DOWNS	16	23
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	37-126	34-190
PASSING YDS (NET)	219	281
Passes Att-Comp-Int	25-18-0	30-22-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	62-345	64-471
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-11	1-12
Kickoff Returns-Yards	5-141	5-128
Interception Returns-Yards	1-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-45.0	3-42.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	5-30	7-50
Possession Time	30:05	29:55
Third-Down Conversions	6 of 14	7 of 13
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	5-5	4-4

INDIVIDUAL STATS

Rushing: WIS - Ball 27-137, 3TD. MSU - Bell 18-106, TD; Baker 9-31, TD; Martin 5-26
Passing: WIS - Wilson 17-24, 187, 3TD; Ball 1-1, 32. MSU - Cousins 22-30-1, 281, 3TD.
Receiving: WIS - Abbrederis 3-65, TD; Duckworth 3-53, TD; Toon 3-34; Ewing 3-16; Ball 3-7, TD; Wilson 2-31; Pederson 1-13. MSU - Martin 9-115; Cunningham 5-115, 3TD; Nichol 4-39; Bell 3-11; Linthicum 1-1.

DEFENSIVE STATS

Wisconsin


##	Player	Solo	Ast	Tot	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yd	Int-Yds	PBU	Sack-Yds	QBH
7	Aaron Henry	5	4	9	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
53	Mike Taylor	3	6	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
24	Shelton Johnson	1	7	8	—	—	—	1-0	1	—	—
44	Chris Borland	3	4	7	1.5-4	—	—	—	1	—	—
14	Marcus Cromartie	1	5	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Michigan State

##	Player	Solo	Ast	Tot	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yd	Int-Yds	PBU	Sack-Yds	QBH
39	Trenton Robinson	7	5	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
28	Denicos Allen	9	—	9	4.0-16	—	—	—	—	3.0-15	—
10	Chris Norman	4	5	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
31	Darqueze Dennard	5	2	7	1.0-5	—	—	—	—	—	—
40	Max Bullough	3	3	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	2



Wisconsin quarterback Russell Wilson was named the Grange-Griffin Championship Game MVP after throwing three touchdown passes in leading the Badgers to a 42-39 win over Michigan State in the inaugural Big Ten Championship Game.



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BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIP GAME RECORDS

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

TOTAL OFFENSE

PLAYS

1. 31 Kirk Cousins, MSU vs. WIS (1 run, 30 pass)12/3/2011
- Russell Wilson, WIS vs. MSU (7 run, 24 pass)12/3/2011

YARDS GAINED

1. 284 Kirk Cousins, MSU vs. WIS (3 run, 281 pass)12/3/2011
2. 182 Russell Wilson, WIS vs. MSU (-5 run, 187 pass)12/3/2011

ALL-PURPOSE

PLAYS

1. 30 Montee Ball, WIS vs. MSU (144 yards).....12/3/2011
2. 21 Le'Veon Bell, MSU vs. WIS (117 yards)12/3/2011

YARDS GAINED

1. 217 Jared Abbrederis, WIS vs. MSU (65 rcv, 152 ret)12/3/2011
2. 153 K. Martin, MSU vs. WIS (26 run, 115 rcv, 12 ret) ..12/3/2011

RUSHING

ATTEMPTS

1. 27 Montee Ball, WIS vs. MSU (137 yards).....12/3/2011
2. 18 Le'Veon Bell, MSU vs. WIS (106 yards)12/3/2011

YARDS GAINED

1. 137 Montee Ball, WIS vs. MSU (27 att.)12/3/2011
2. 106 Le'Veon Bell, MSU vs. WIS (18 att.)12/3/2011

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

1. 3 Montee Ball, WIS vs. MSU12/3/2011
2. 1 Le'Veon Bell, MSU vs. WIS12/3/2011
- Edwin Baker, MSU vs. WIS12/3/2011

PASSING

ATTEMPTS

1. 30 Kirk Cousins, MSU vs. WIS (22 comp.).....12/3/2011
2. 24 Russell Wilson, WIS vs. MSU (17 comp.).....12/3/2011

COMPLETIONS

1. 22 Kirk Cousins, MSU vs. WIS (30 att.)12/3/2011
2. 17 Russell Wilson, WIS vs. MSU (24 att.)12/3/2011

YARDS GAINED

1. 281 Kirk Cousins, MSU vs. WIS (22-30)12/3/2011
2. 187 Russell Wilson, WIS vs. MSU (17-24).....12/3/2011

COMPLETION PERCENTAGE

1. .733 Kirk Cousins, MSU vs. WIS (22-30)12/3/2011
2. .708 Russell Wilson, WIS vs. MSU (17-24).....12/3/2011

PASSING EFFICIENCY

1. 178.3 Kirk Cousins, MSU vs. WIS12/3/2011
2. 177.5 Russell Wilson, WIS vs. MSU12/3/2011

TOUCHDOWN PASSES

1. 3 Kirk Cousins, MSU vs. WIS12/3/2011
- Russell Wilson, WIS vs. MSU12/3/2011

RECEIVING

CATCHES

1. 9 Keshawn Martin, MSU vs. WIS (115 yards)12/3/2011
2. 5 B.J. Cunningham, MSU vs. WIS (115 yards)12/3/2011

YARDS GAINED

1. 115 Keshawn Martin, MSU vs. WIS (9 cat.)12/3/2011
- B.J. Cunningham, MSU vs. WIS (5 cat.)12/3/2011

TOUCHDOWNS

1. 3 B.J. Cunningham, MSU vs. WIS12/3/2011
2. 1 Jared Abbrederis, WIS vs. MSU12/3/2011
- Montee Ball, WIS vs. MSU12/3/2011
- Jeff Duckworth, WIS vs. MSU12/3/2011

SCORING

POINTS

1. 24 Montee Ball, WIS vs. MSU (4 TD)12/3/2011
2. 18 B.J. Cunningham, MSU vs. WIS (3 TD)12/3/2011

TOUCHDOWNS

1. 4 Montee Ball, WIS vs. MSU12/3/2011
2. 3 B.J. Cunningham, MSU vs. WIS12/3/2011

KICKING POINTS

1. 7 Dan Conroy, MSU vs. WIS (1FG, 4XP).....12/3/2011
2. 4 Philip Welch, WIS vs. MSU (4XP)12/3/2011

FIELD GOALS MADE

1. 1 Dan Conroy, MSU vs. WIS12/3/2011

LONGEST FIELD GOAL

1. 25 Dan Conroy, MSU vs. WIS12/3/2011

KICKED EXTRA POINTS

1. 4 Dan Conroy, MSU vs. WIS12/3/2011
- Philip Welch, WIS vs. MSU12/3/2011

TWO-POINT CONVERSIONS

1. 1 Brad Sonntag (rush), MSU vs. WIS12/3/2011
- Jacob Pederson (reception), WIS vs. MSU12/3/2011



Michigan State quarterback Kirk Cousins threw for 281 yards and three touchdowns in the 2011 Big Ten Championship Game.

PUNTING

PUNTS

1. 5 Brad Nortman, WIS vs. MSU (225 yards)12/3/2011
2. 3 Mike Sadler, MSU vs. WIS (126 yards)12/3/2011

YARDS

1. 225 Brad Nortman, WIS vs. MSU (5 punts)12/3/2011
2. 126 Mike Sadler, MSU vs. WIS (3 punts).....12/3/2011

AVERAGE (minimum 3 punts)

1. 45.0 Brad Nortman, WIS vs. MSU (5 for 225 yards)12/3/2011
2. 42.0 Mike Sadler, MSU vs. WIS (3 for 126 yards)12/3/2011

LONGEST PUNT

1. 54 Brad Nortman, WIS vs. MSU12/3/2011
2. 45 Mike Sadler, MSU vs. WIS12/3/2011

PUNT RETURNS

PUNT RETURNS

1. 1 Jared Abbrederis, WIS vs. MSU (11 yards)12/3/2011
- Keshawn Martin, MSU vs. WIS (12 yards)12/3/2011



Wisconsin's Jeff Duckworth was on the receiving end of a key fourth-down conversion late in the 2011 Big Ten Championship Game.

YARDS

1. 12 Keshawn Martin, MSU vs. WIS (1 ret.)12/3/2011
2. 11 Jared Abbrederis, WIS vs. MSU (1 ret.)12/3/2011

LONG RETURN

1. 12 Keshawn Martin, MSU vs. WIS12/3/2011
2. 11 Jared Abbrederis, WIS vs. MSU12/3/2011

KICK RETURNS

KICK RETURNS

1. 5 Jared Abbrederis, WIS vs. MSU (141 yards)12/3/2011
2. 4 Nick Hill, MSU vs. WIS (118 yards)12/3/2011

YARDS

1. 141 Jared Abbrederis, WIS vs. MSU (5 ret.)12/3/2011
2. 118 Nick Hill, MSU vs. WIS (4 ret.)12/3/2011

AVERAGE PER RETURN (minimum 3 returns)

1. 29.5 Nick Hill, MSU vs. WIS (4-118)12/3/2011
2. 28.2 Jared Abbrederis, WIS vs. MSU (5-141)12/3/2011

LONG RETURN

1. 44 Jared Abbrederis, WIS vs. MSU12/3/2011
2. 39 Nick Hill, MSU vs. WIS12/3/2011

INTERCEPTIONS

1. 1 Shelton Johnson, WIS vs. MSU12/3/2011

TACKLES

TOTAL TACKLES

1. 12 Trenton Robinson, MSU vs. WIS12/3/2011
2. 9 Denicos Allen, MSU vs. WIS12/3/2011
- Aaron Henry, WIS vs. MSU12/3/2011
- Chris Norman, WIS vs. MSU12/3/2011
- Mike Taylor, WIS vs. MSU12/3/2011

SOLO TACKLES

1. 9 Denicos Allen, MSU vs. WIS12/3/2011
2. 7 Trenton Robinson, MSU vs. WIS12/3/2011

ASSISTED TACKLES

1. 7 Shelton Johnson, WIS vs. MSU12/3/2011
2. 6 Mike Taylor, WIS vs. MSU12/3/2011

TACKLES FOR LOSS

1. 4.0 Denicos Allen, MSU vs. WIS12/3/2011
2. 1.5 Chris Borland, WIS vs. MSU12/3/2011

YARDS LOST

1. 16 Denicos Allen, MSU vs. WIS12/3/2011
2. 7 Brendan Kelly, WIS vs. MSU12/3/2011

SACKS

1. 3.0 Denicos Allen, MSU vs. WIS12/3/2011

YARDS LOST

1. 15 Denicos Allen, MSU vs. WIS12/3/2011

FORCED FUMBLES

1. 1 Jacob Pederson, WIS vs. MSU12/3/2011



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TITLE IX AT 40 YEARS

The Impact in the Big Ten

By Christine Brennan

When women's athletic director Christine Grant settled behind her desk in her new office at the University of Iowa in 1973, she knew the fight for some semblance of equality for women athletes in the Big Ten was not going to be an easy one. She was sure of this because of where her office was located. It wasn't in just any old spot in the Iowa women's gym.

It was in the kitchen.

"Our president, Sandy Boyd, had just elevated 12 women's club sports straight to varsity status, which to me was astonishing," Grant said. "But we had no place to put people for a brand new varsity program, and they had to put me somewhere, so I ended up literally in the kitchen. I had a desk, but I also had a stove and a sink. Occasionally, one of the secretaries would call and say, 'Christine, would you put on my soup, please?' and I did."

Placing a Big Ten women's athletic director in a kitchen sounds bizarre, laughable and demeaning today, but, metaphorically, it turned out to be the perfect place to start a cultural revolution.

For from those days nearly 40 years ago have sprung unimaginable growth and success: NCAA titles for the conference in everything from basketball to field hockey, softball to volleyball. Dynasties have been created: Penn State volleyball, Northwestern lacrosse, Minnesota and Wisconsin ice hockey, among others.

Standout athletes have made their names on the playing fields of the Big Ten: runner Suzy Favor-Hamilton won nine NCAA individual titles at Wisconsin and represented the United States at the 1992, 1996 and 2000 Olympic Games. The Big Ten's female athlete of the year award is named in her honor. Katie Douglas helped lead Purdue to the 1999 NCAA women's basketball title and won her first WNBA title as a member of the Indiana Fever this fall. Tara VanDerveer played her college basketball at Indiana in the 1970s, was the head coach at Ohio State in the 1980s and coached the gold-medal-winning U.S. Olympic basketball team at the 1996 Games in Atlanta.

Collectively, the Big Ten became the first conference in the country to voluntarily adopt participation goals for female-student athletes as



Indiana Senator Birch Bayh (second from right) was the author and chief Senate Sponsor of the Title IX Legislation, ratified in 1972. (Birch Bayh Senatorial Papers, Indiana University Libraries)

part of its four-phase Gender Equity Action Plan in 1992, and, years later, the ground-breaking Big Ten Network (BTN) actually showed more women's events than men's during the 2011-12 school year: 549 for the women, 548 for the men.

To understand the stunning advances made by women in sports in the Big Ten, it's helpful to know where it all began. When President Richard Nixon signed Title IX into law on June 23, 1972, it mandated that high schools and colleges no longer discriminate against women in any educational program, including athletics. Universities around the country, not just in the Big Ten, had to scramble as Iowa did to begin to obey the new law. In some ways, the conference served as a cornerstone for the legislation. Indiana Senator Birch Bayh, who introduced Title IX in Congress as its author and chief Senate sponsor, was pictured jogging with four Purdue female student-athletes not long after the law was signed. It was a rag-tag group, wearing the most basic gym shorts and sweatsuits of the day.

That was the uniform of the woman athlete in those early years, Grant said. "Literally, we had one set of jerseys in that first year, so athletes from different sports shared them. With 12 sports as diverse as gymnastics and basketball, it took a lot of creativity to get the necessities for all of our sports. We had a laundry, obviously, and it was used nonstop."

Grant's budget that first year was a grand total of \$30,000. "That was for everything. There were no coaches' salaries. We got time off from some of our other responsibilities to coach."

The Hawkeyes women's basketball team played in a gym that was not regulation-sized. "Between the sideline and the wall, there was no space," she said. "But we had to play there because our women's team was not allowed into our main field house."

A few years later and a couple of hundred miles away at Northwestern, Mary Murphy was beginning her career as a standout basketball player and two-time captain for the Wildcats from 1977-80.



Wisconsin's Suzy Favor Hamilton is one of the most decorated female athletes in NCAA history.

"I would have to raise my hand during practice to say I really had to leave to go to my job checking off students' names in a dormitory cafeteria," said Murphy, now a basketball analyst for various networks, including BTN. "My scholarship covered my tuition, but not my room and board, so I had to have a job."

By 1986, Murphy was back in the Big Ten as head coach at Wisconsin. "There was a huge difference in those few years in terms of opportunities for women in sports, number of scholarships, everything. You even had the ability to sit down at a restaurant with your team rather than going through the drive-through. And we were flying then, or taking buses, rather than piling into vans."

In the 1980s, Grant was no longer alone as a Big Ten women's athletic director. Merrily Dean Baker had been hired to do the same job at Minnesota in 1982, later becoming the first woman to run an entire Big Ten athletic department at Michigan State from 1992-95.

These two pioneers joined the conference's 10 male athletic directors at their regular meetings. One time in the mid-1980s, at a joint meeting with the Pac-10's athletic directors on the West Coast, Baker accompanied a few of her counterparts on the golf course, playing in a foursome with Michigan's Don Canham, Purdue's George King and Wisconsin's Elroy "Crazy Legs" Hirsch.

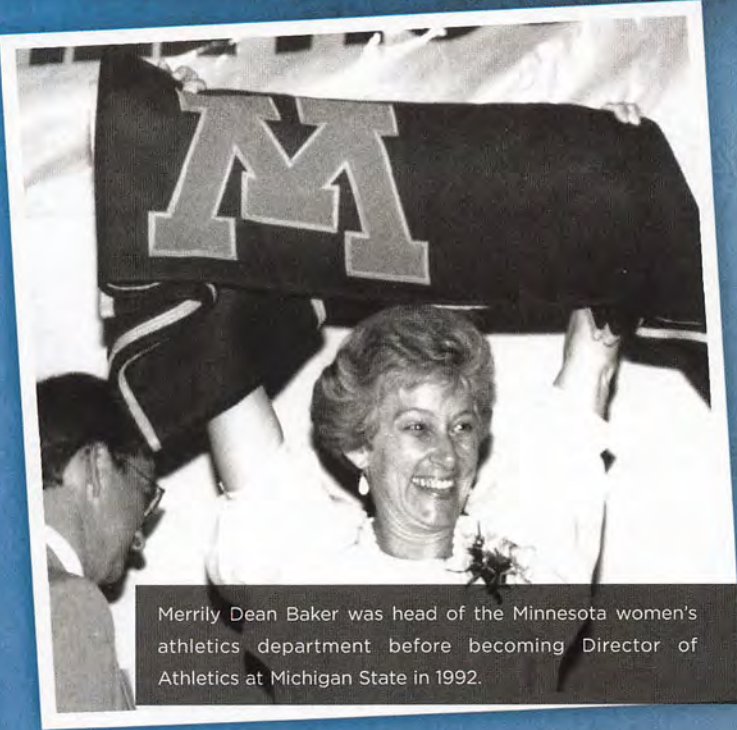
They stepped to the tee of a par three built into the side of a mountain. "Don sliced his tee shot into the woods," Baker said. "George did the same thing. Then Elroy got up and hit it the other way, into the middle of a lake."

Now it was her turn. "I hit it well and could tell it was close to the pin, but we couldn't see it from the tee."

When they reached the green, they found the ball six inches from the hole.

"There was a great reaction," Baker recalled. "Elroy started bowing to me, saying, 'You make it, Merrily, you'll get anything you want.'"

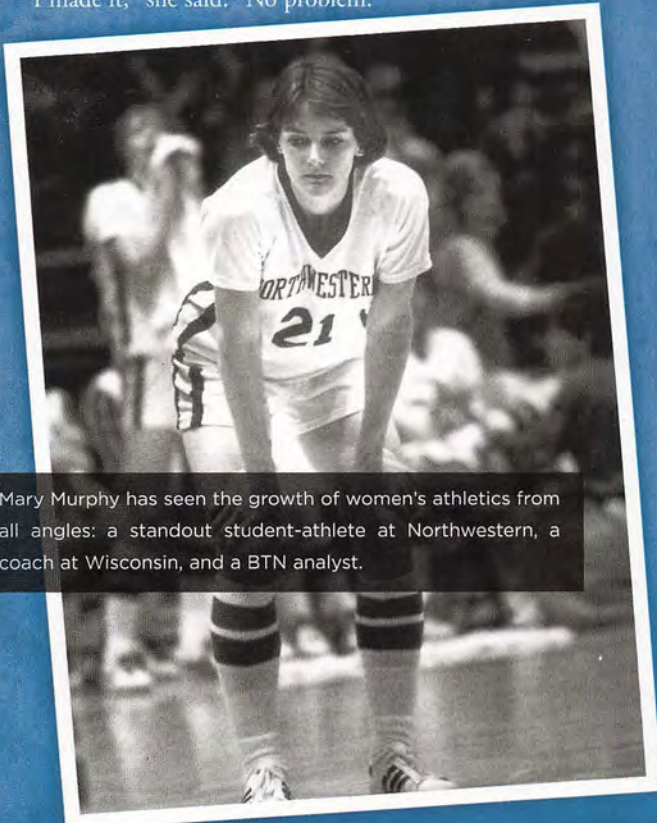
"I made it," she said. "No problem."



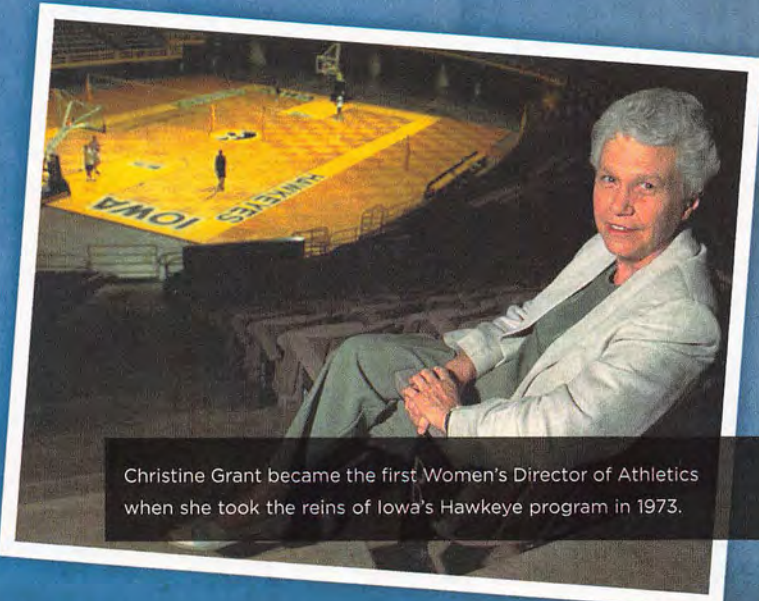
Merrily Dean Baker was head of the Minnesota women's athletics department before becoming Director of Athletics at Michigan State in 1992.

The men cheered for her and on they all went to the next tee. It was just one hole on a golf course, but a decade after Grant had been relegated to her kitchen office, Baker knew that, slowly but surely, things were changing for the better for women in sports in the Big Ten.

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Mary Murphy has seen the growth of women's athletics from all angles: a standout student-athlete at Northwestern, a coach at Wisconsin, and a BTN analyst.



Christine Grant became the first Women's Director of Athletics when she took the reins of Iowa's Hawkeye program in 1973.

A ONE-OF-A-KIND EVERYMAN

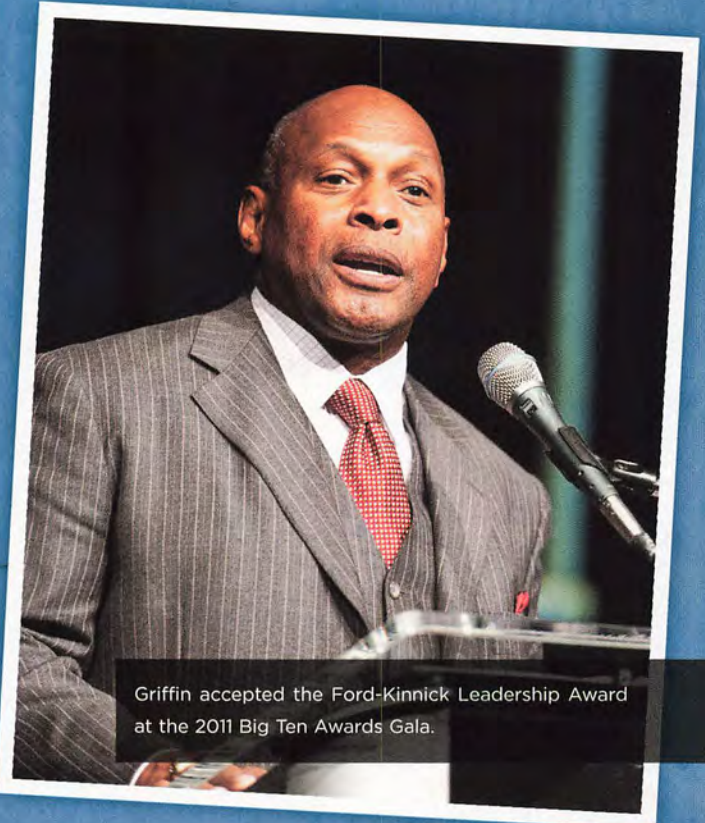
Two-time Heisman winner Archie Griffin remains grounded

By Todd Jones

Archie Griffin never makes you feel as if everything is about Archie Griffin. His pedigree suggests hosannahs are required. He's been honored so often it wouldn't be surprising if he thought his real name was The Only Two-Time Heisman Trophy Winner. Yet nearly four decades of handshakes, backslaps and effusive praise haven't dented his humble demeanor. His worldview is outward, not inward.

So when you ask Griffin about those Heismans he won as an Ohio State running back in 1974 and 1975, or any of the honors bestowed upon the three-time All-American in the nearly four decades since, the college football legend talks about all the people who made it possible for him to succeed. He sees others when others only see Archie Griffin.

That held true when the Big Ten named Griffin the first winner of its Ford-Kinnick Leadership award, which gave reason to consider all of the recipient's worthy attributes. Griffin has been president and CEO of the Ohio State Alumni Association since 2004, and he serves on Ohio State president E. Gordon Gee's senior leadership team as the university's Vice President for Alumni Relations. He also does various work for charities and special-interest groups throughout the state of Ohio. And yet when recently asked about being bestowed with a leadership honor, Griffin first wanted to talk about the people the award is named after: Gerald Ford, the 38th President of the United States



Griffin accepted the Ford-Kinnick Leadership Award at the 2011 Big Ten Awards Gala.



Griffin (right) helped welcome Eddie George into the College Football Hall of Fame. (National Football Foundation)

and former Michigan center and linebacker; and Nile Kinnick, the 1939 Heisman Trophy winner at Iowa, who died during a training flight as a Navy aviator during World War II.

"Both were great leaders and great names in Big Ten football," Griffin said. "To be able to receive an award that has their names on it was really a true honor for me."

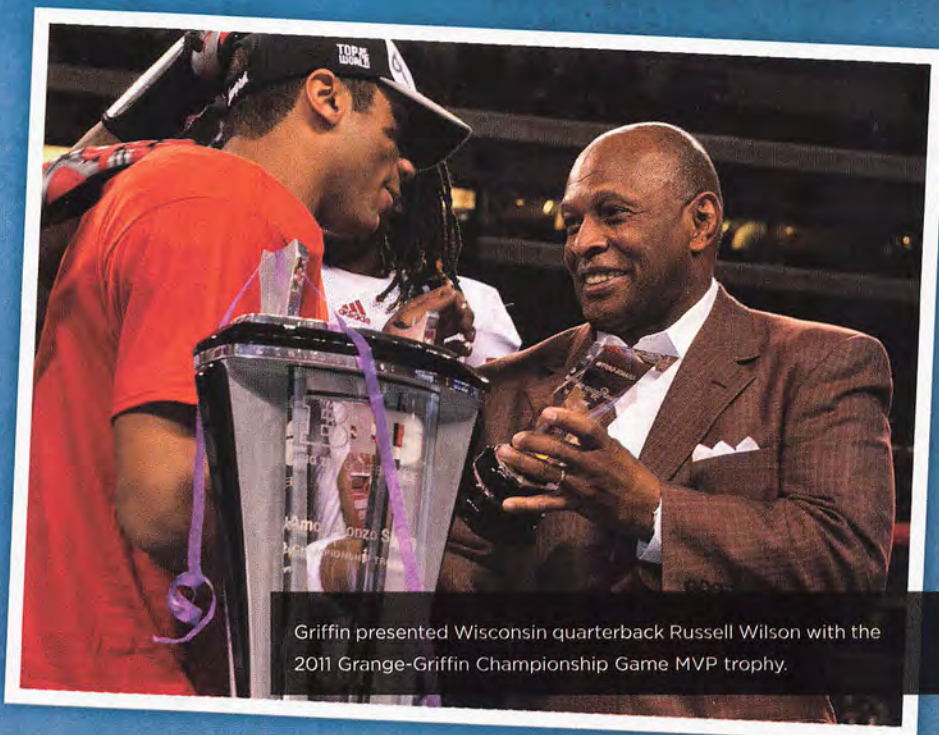
Turning the spotlight toward others is not just a natural reaction for Griffin, the first player to start four Rose Bowls. Selflessness lies at the core of how he leads an Ohio State Alumni Association with more than 450,000 members around the world. It's why he created the Archie Griffin Scholarship Fund, which benefits the Olympic sports programs at Ohio State, and why he teamed with his wife, Bonita, to form the Archie and Bonita Griffin Foundation Fund that contributes to the development of sports, educational, and travel programs for central Ohio youth.

"When I think of leadership, the first thing that comes to mind is caring," said Griffin, a father of three, whose son Adam plays defensive back at Ohio State. "All the people in my life who I considered leaders, one of the characteristics that has stood out the most about them is the fact that they cared a great deal about people. That to me is really what makes a leader stand apart. You can do all you want to do, but if the people you oversee don't believe in

you or don't believe that you care about them, then it's all going to be in vain."

Caring has roots in commitment, discipline and honesty. Griffin, 58, learned that from his parents, Margaret and James, who stressed education so much to their children that Archie and his six brothers and one sister all earned college degrees. Their father set an admirable tone by working three jobs at once, seven days a week. Such hard work was also stressed to Griffin by Bob Stuart, his football coach at Eastmoor High School (now Eastmoor Academy) in Columbus, Ohio. His junior high school guidance counselor, Oscar Gill, taught him the value of the three Ds: Desire, Dedication, Determination. The great Paul Brown, general manager of the Cincinnati Bengals when they selected Griffin in the first round of the 1976 NFL draft, stressed that his players all prepare for life after football. Griffin soaked up that advice during his seven NFL seasons with the Bengals, which included a Super Bowl appearance. And, of course, he learned much about leadership from his coach at Ohio State, the iconic Woody Hayes.

"One of the things Woody always talked about was doing things for others, helping other people, paying forward," Griffin said. "Those kinds of things just stick with you. I've noticed that a lot of guys who had an opportunity to play for him, that's what they're doing. They're paying forward, doing good things in the communities in which they live, and I know they got it from him. Woody was really special talking about how it's about the team, the whole team. One saying he always used to say, and it's so true, is that in a team situation, you are better than you think you are. In a team situation, everybody is in it



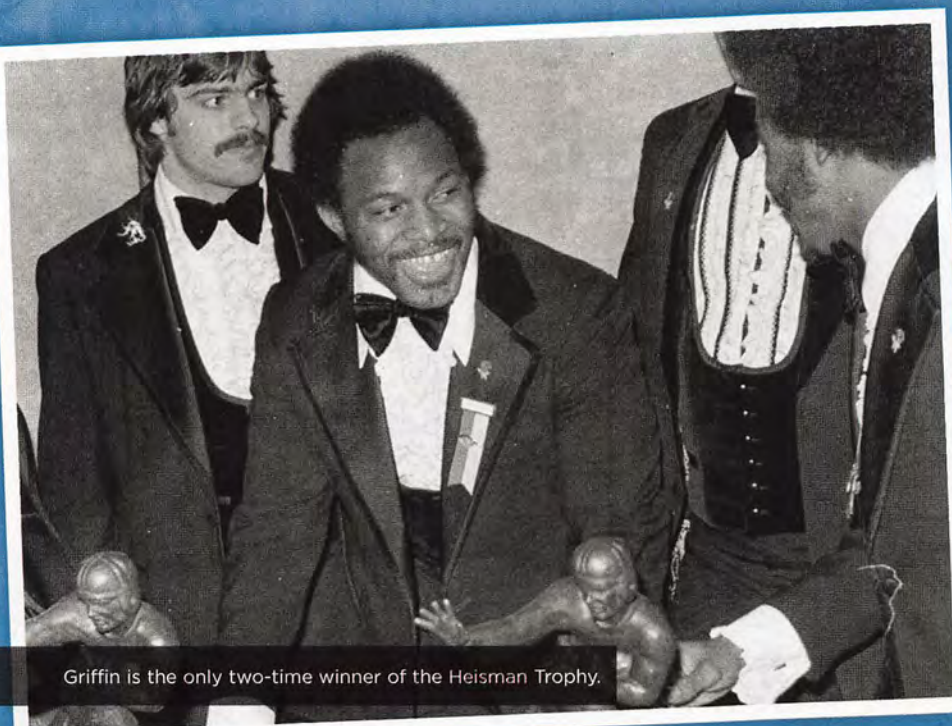
Griffin presented Wisconsin quarterback Russell Wilson with the 2011 Grange-Griffin Championship Game MVP trophy.

together, everybody is playing for the same cause, and everybody has the same goals in mind. If you're part of a team, you don't want to let your teammates down. So quite naturally, you're going to work a little bit harder. You're not going to be the weak link on the team. With everybody working harder as a team, you do better. Then in team situations, sometimes you get individual recognition."

Griffin never considered himself a big talker as a player. As captain with the Buckeyes and Bengals, he led by example, working hard to spur on teammates, especially in bad times. Football taught him that life is about dealing with adversity, and moving forward is best accomplished with everyone rowing in the same direction. Being a leader is getting others to think about we instead of me.

"Your people are your best asset," Griffin said. "To me, that's all about making sure the people you work with are taken care of and making sure that you've got good relationships with them. That's making sure your people know that you're honest with them and that they know you care about them. Those things are important to people when you're trying to motivate them to do something you want them to do. And the other thing I think about all of the time is the golden rule: do unto others as you wish they would do unto you. Treat people right. If you treat people right, good things are going to happen."

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Griffin is the only two-time winner of the Heisman Trophy.

A HOOSIER HUMANITARIAN

Taliaferro has left his mark on and off the field

By Jeff Rabjohns

George Taliaferro was generating fans across the state of Indiana before his college football career was even a few weeks old.

In his day in the 1940s, college football games weren't on television, but a group of Indiana supporters — the forerunners of the IU Varsity Club — would get copies of game film and take them across the state on Mondays and Tuesdays.

In YMCA gymnasiums and other places where 10-foot by 15-foot screens could be set up, fans would gather to watch the black-and-white footage.

Right from the start, this 17-year-old freshman captured the imagination.

"I would sit on the floor as a little kid and just marvel," said Huntington, Ind., native Bob Hammel, who spent 50 years as a sportswriter, most of that time covering Indiana.

Taliaferro became an All-American at Indiana, leading the Hoosiers to an unbeaten 1945 season and the school's highest final ranking in the Associated Press poll at No. 4. After a year of military service, Taliaferro returned to IU and finished his college career as a first-team All-American.

Following his final Big Ten season, Taliaferro became the first African-American drafted by the NFL, a 13th-round pick of the Chicago Bears. Following a professional football career, he returned to Indiana and worked in administration for several decades, a life marked by civic service.

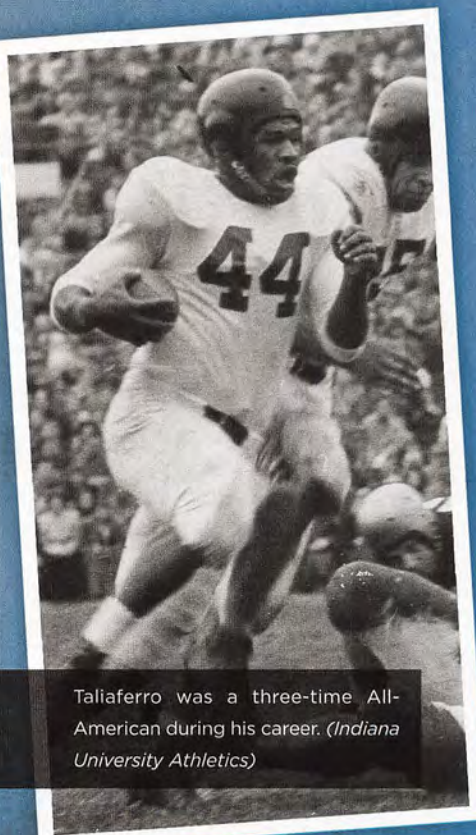
Taliaferro is noted for football accomplishments but his life has been distinguished by achievement. He was honored with the Big Ten's inaugural Dungy-Thompson Humanitarian Award last year and the 2011 National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame Distinguished American Award.

Taliaferro is the Chairman Emeritus of the Children's Organ Transplant Association and is on the board of directors of the Monroe County Big Brothers Big Sisters chapter, among his numerous efforts.

Playing in the Big Ten and going on to professional football, however, may not have



Taliaferro (left) was presented the Dungy-Thompson Humanitarian Award by another former Hoosier, trophy namesake Anthony Thompson.



Taliaferro was a three-time All-American during his career. (Indiana University Athletics)

come to pass if not for a chance "game" his high school played his senior season.

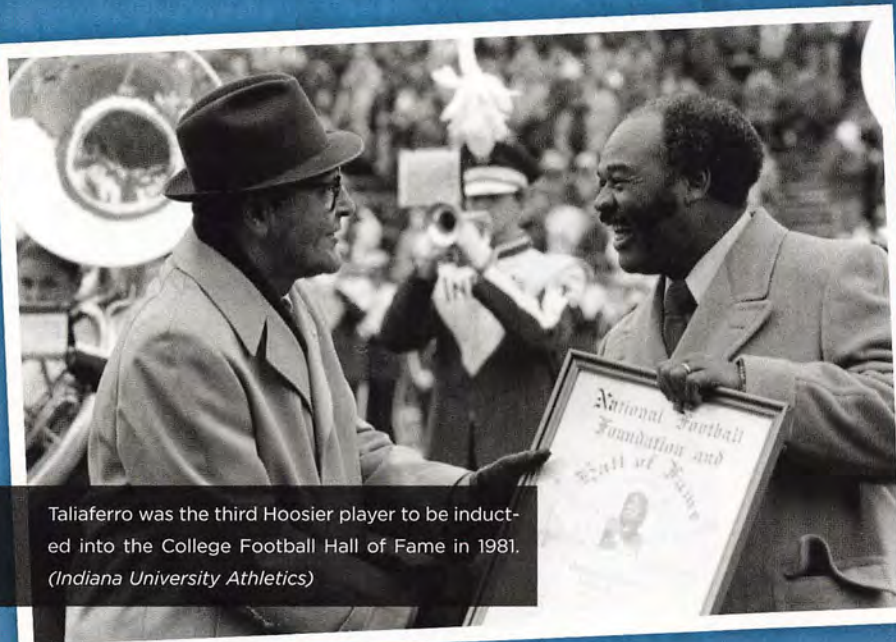
"I truly had never given a thought to playing in the Big Ten Conference, although I grew up in Gary and was aware of the Big Ten Conference and all the players who had performed in it. Because of segregation, I did not have the experience of playing against white players until my senior year," Taliaferro said.

In Taliaferro's senior year, East Chicago football coach Pete Ruckinski requested a scrimmage against his high school, Gary Roosevelt. Taliaferro played well, and Ruckinski whispered in the ear of Indiana coach Alvin "Bo" McMillin about this player Indiana just had to have.

It wasn't easy when he arrived in Bloomington.

"I found out I couldn't live in the dorms. I couldn't eat in the restaurants. I couldn't swim in the Indiana University swimming pool," Taliaferro recalled of the segregation of the time. "You had to be very careful what you said, to whom you said it and how you conducted yourself. You didn't know what the rules were. It was very, very difficult."

All the while, Taliaferro was dominant on the football field. The Hoosiers went 9-0-1 in 1945 and beat the three nationally ranked teams on their schedule that season by a combined score of 82-2. Taliaferro was a second-team All-American.



Taliaferro was the third Hoosier player to be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1981. (Indiana University Athletics)

Taliaferro's career began with a 13-7 victory at Michigan, a school the Hoosiers have beaten just nine times in their history.

"George made me an Indiana fan. I was eight years old and I heard the Indiana game on radio," Hammel said. "I had a sense from the way they were talking, it was a big accomplishment to go up to Michigan and win. George was a 17-year-old freshman, and he actually had 100 yards rushing.

"They killed the clock at the end, so he had some losses that pushed his total to 94, but that was his debut game. One-hundred yard games just didn't happen in those days. George was sensational right away."

The Hoosiers' finished undefeated in 1945 but did not play in the postseason, as the Big Ten's agreement with the Rose Bowl Game began the following season. Taliaferro served a stint in the Army in 1946, putting his playing career on hold. But while stationed in Virginia, he met Viola Jones. The two celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary on Nov. 23.

In 1949 when his college career concluded, Taliaferro and 10 friends were working out in Chicago, preparing for pro football drafts. During dinner one night, one of his friends walked in and held up the *Chicago Daily* sports section which said in big block letters, "Taliaferro drafted by Bears."

Taliaferro told his mother all he had to do was tear up his contract with the Los Angeles Dons of the

All-American Football Conference and the \$4,000 signing bonus and he would be the first African-American to play in the NFL.

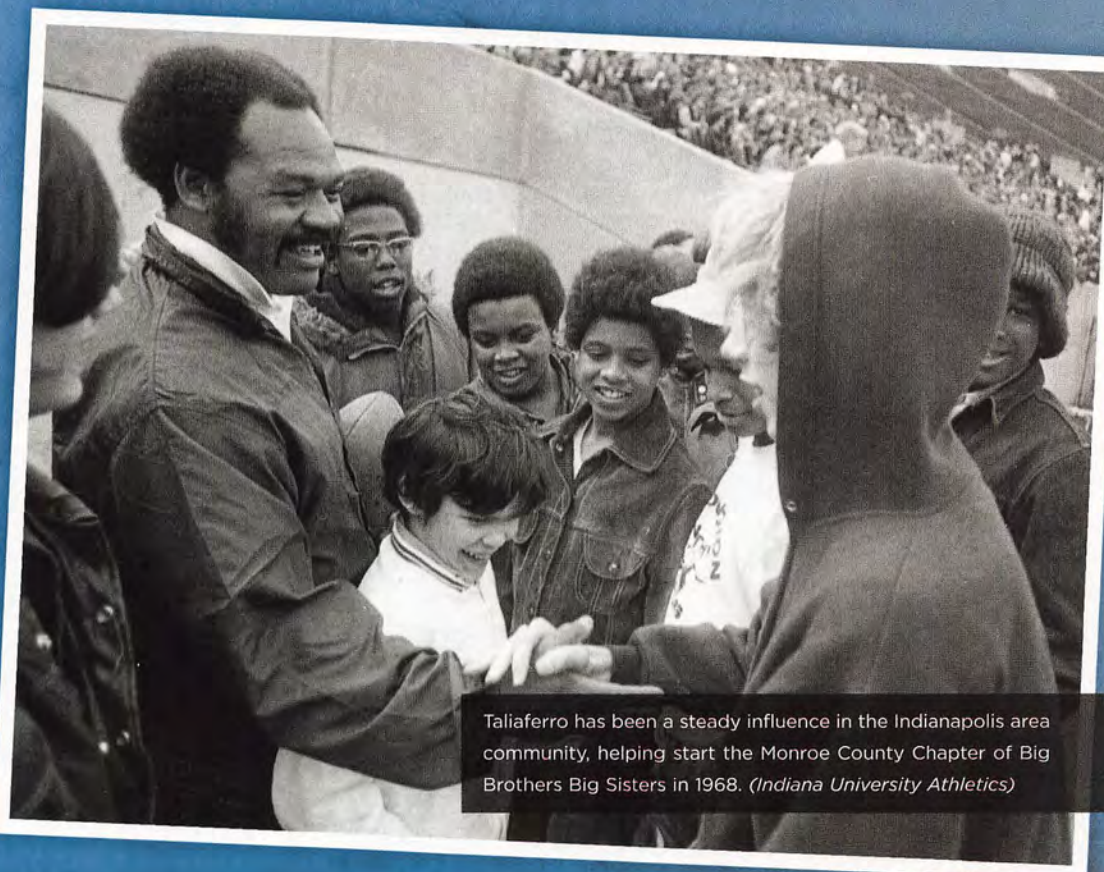
"My father had told me when he was alive that a man is no better or no worse than his word," Taliaferro said. "My mother said to me, 'What did you tell your father?' I did not talk to the Bears again."

Taliaferro eventually played in the NFL and later returned to Indiana as a special assistant to the school president to develop and implement the university's Affirmative Action Plan.

Taliaferro's father had a fourth-grade education and his mother a sixth-grade education because, he said, it was against the law where they grew up in Tennessee for blacks to go to school past sixth grade.

"Because of the way he conducted himself and his morality, I thought he was the greatest person in the world and told him often, I want to be just like you," Taliaferro said. "He told me I could be anything I wanted to be if I was willing to work for it, and that has been the mainstay of my life."

In his 22nd year as a sportswriter, Jeff Rabjohns covers Indiana and the Big Ten for Peegs.com, a part of the Rivals.com network.



Taliaferro has been a steady influence in the Indianapolis area community, helping start the Monroe County Chapter of Big Brothers Big Sisters in 1968. (Indiana University Athletics)

BIG TEN FAN FEST

Presented by Dr Pepper

Before the excitement of the Big Ten Football Championship Game, fans can get geared up for the action at the Big Ten Fan Fest Presented by Dr Pepper. Housed in the Indiana Convention Center on Friday, Nov. 30, and Saturday, Dec. 1, more than 20 interactive exhibits, games, giveaways, marching band performances, autograph sessions and much more will help fans get into the gameday spirit.

BTN will have a stage on site all weekend, where they will broadcast in front of a live audience within Fan Fest, including the gameday broadcast of “#BTNLive” as well as an hour-long chalk talk session breaking down the championship game on Saturday.

Beginning Friday afternoon, fans can begin the championship experience by taking part in numerous activities, including field goal kicking, a virtual gaming lounge, basketball shootouts and much more. In addition, former players and current student-athletes will be interviewed on the BTN studio set.

Dr Pepper Field will be the home of many instructional sessions, as USA Football will host several free clinics. Among other events, the field will serve as the site for the pregame performances by the two participating institutions’ marching bands to culminate the event.



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ANCILLARY EVENTS

BIG TEN VIRTUAL CAREER FAIR

The Big Ten Conference Virtual Career Fair, which was held Nov. 29 and 30, is a great opportunity for Big Ten students and alumni to connect with potential employers. This digital framework allows corporations to meet with several interested and qualified candidates for upcoming positions at their company. The virtual fair works similarly to an in-person fair, with companies having the ability to talk with registrants via chat, Skype, and if preferred, phone. For more information, log on to bigtenvirtualcareerfair.com.

BIG TEN OFFICIATING CLINIC

The Big Ten Football Officiating Clinic, held Thursday, Nov. 29, consisted of classroom training and on-field demonstrations for aspiring football officials. Big Ten Coordinator of Football Officials Bill Carollo, along with other top Division I and NFL officials, provided the leadership for the three-hour seminar that was filled to capacity. The clinic also included a keynote address from former Indianapolis Colts President and current ESPN analyst Bill Polian.



FOOTBALL YOUTH CLINICS

Hosted in partnership with USA Football and its FUNDamental Football Clinics, the Big Ten's Youth Football Clinics, held Saturday, Dec. 1, are designed for area youth football programs. Available to elementary and middle school students, attendees will learn the fundamentals of the game by participating in basic drills. No pre-registration required for the event, and all participants will receive a T-shirt and cinch bag upon completion.

BIG TEN RESTAURANT PAIRINGS

Fans from the two participating institutions can gather for food and fun leading up to Saturday's championship game with the conference's restaurant pairings program. Legends Division restaurants Champions, Colts Grille, O'Reilly's Irish Bar and Restaurant, Slippery Noodle Inn, Rock Bottom Brewery, Weber Grill and High Velocity as well as Leaders Division restaurants Buffalo Wild Wings, Champps, Harry and Izzy's, Kilroy's Bar and Grill, Ram Restaurant and Brewery and Scotty's Brewhouse can serve as meeting points for fans throughout the weekend.



RV NATION

Located just three blocks from Lucas Oil Stadium, RV Nation provides fans a convenient location for the pregame atmosphere. Fans are within walking distance to all downtown venues, restaurants and other affiliated events. Each RV will receive approximately four parking spaces to park and tailgate. The lot opens on Friday night and will remain open until Sunday morning with overnight security provided for those choosing to spend the night.



GEORGIA STREET TAILGATE

A two-day event, the Georgia Street Tailgate is at the center of the Big Ten Football Championship Game experience. Within walking distance of Lucas Oil Stadium and the Indiana Convention Center, home of the Big Ten Fan Fest presented by Dr Pepper, the tailgate will be open from 3-9 p.m. on Friday and from Noon-8 p.m. on Saturday leading up to kickoff. Fans can enjoy, food and beverages, while catching some of the other football action around the country in advance of the Big Ten's primetime showcase.



SATURDAY OF SERVICE

The Big Ten Conference and the Indianapolis Local Organizing Committee took part in the second annual SaturDAY of Service presented by St. Vincent Health on Saturday, Dec. 1. Volunteers at Gleaners Food Bank packaged goods to be delivered to organizations and individuals in need around the greater Indianapolis area, while the American Red Cross hosted a training session to certify volunteers as first responders, preparing citizens to assist others and the Red Cross in emergency disaster shelters.

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TWO TEAMS. TWO TITLES.

As told by Lloyd Carr

“Charles Woodson, who didn’t speak often, stood up and said, ‘Let’s just win. Let’s win every play, every day — practice, around campus and during games.’ That became our goal.”

We knew heading into the 1997 season that our schedule was one of the most daunting in college football, 12 games without an open date. In fact, the NCAA rated it the toughest among all 112 football teams.

Over the summer, I read the book “Into Thin Air” and saw the parallels between what we wanted to accomplish and the climb to the top of Mount Everest. With each step, the air got thinner and the challenges became greater. I decided to use that as a motivational tool throughout our ascent to the top of college football, from fifth in the Big Ten writer’s poll to No. 1 in the land.

The biggest question mark heading into the season from a public perspective was, “Who was going to be our quarterback?” Our coaching staff and I knew we had many capable leaders, but fifth-year senior Brian Griese was the guy we felt could manage the offense and lead us to the Big Ten title. It was an open competition and Brian persevered.

We had a great fall camp and you could tell this was going to be a special team; they were hungry, motivated and came to work every day. When it came time to set our team goals, the discussion lasted longer than past teams. We had to come back the following day because nothing was settled. Finally, Charles Woodson, who didn’t speak often, stood up and said, “Let’s just win. Let’s win every play, every day — practice, around campus and during games.” That became our goal.

We started our season with a 27-3 victory over No. 8 Colorado. We made a statement in that first game and the momentum carried over in victories against Baylor and Notre Dame.

We faced adversity throughout the season, losing key defensive players to injury: lineman Ben Huff, co-captain Eric Mayes and safety Daydrion Taylor. These were major losses and created challenges, but our players rose to the occasion. That defense was special, breaking NCAA marks and leading the country in three of four major statistical categories.

Looking back, what turned out to be one of the biggest hurdles was getting past Iowa. We committed three first-half turnovers and Tim Dwight returned a punt 61 yards to put us in a 21-7 deficit. Brian rallied us with

three second-half touchdowns. We claimed the 28-24 victory as All-American tight end Jerame Tuman caught the go-ahead score in the waning minutes.

Our statement game came at No. 3 Penn State. All-American Glen Steele set the tone with a big sack on the opening series. Charles put us on the board with a touchdown on the first drive and we never looked back, winning 34-8. That commanding victory moved us to No. 1 in the polls.

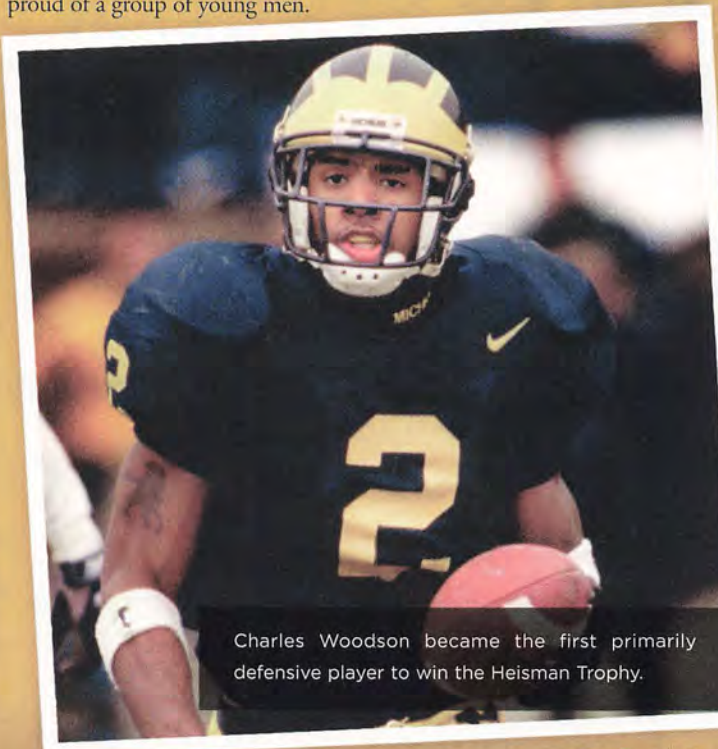
After a 26-16 victory at Wisconsin, the stage was set for our showdown with No. 4 Ohio State. Charles starred in all phases and secured his place as the first defensive player to win the Heisman Trophy. He collected an interception, caught a few passes and had an electrifying 78-yard punt return for a touchdown. An Andre Weathers’ interception propelled us to a 20-14 victory, securing the Big Ten title and a trip to Pasadena.

We headed to California before Christmas to get acclimated. We stayed in Dana Point, 90 minutes south of Pasadena, for four days of preparation. This was a switch from our previous bowl experiences and it paid dividends as our players were totally focused after completing their finals. We worked hard and got prepared for an explosive Washington State offense led by Ryan Leaf.

Our team climbed to the top of the mountain and claimed Michigan’s first national title in 50 years with a 21-16 victory over No. 8 Washington State. It was a rewarding experience and one that I will never forget, seeing the faces of our players after winning that game. To be able to tell them, “You have just won the national championship!” was one of those special moments. It’s one that I will never forget, and I couldn’t have been more proud of a group of young men.



Michigan took home plenty of hardware from the 1997 season.



Charles Woodson became the first primarily defensive player to win the Heisman Trophy.

15 years after sharing the 1997 national title, Michigan's Lloyd Carr and Nebraska's Tom Osborne reflect on their championship seasons

As told by Tom Osborne

“They told me how good it felt to win national championships in '94 and '95 and how disappointed they were when we didn't win another one in '96. So they wanted to stay one more year, finish things up right and go out as champions.”

I remember certain details of my final season as a head football coach 15 years ago, but I'm not sure that I voted Nebraska No. 1 every week of the 1997 season. I will say, however, that our 13-0 team that beat a very talented Tennessee team 42-17 in the Orange Bowl was in a solid position for a National Championship.

We had great leadership on that team, and it started with Grant Wistrom and Jason Peter. They were probably more motivated to win that national championship than anyone else. Nine months before the '97 season started, they came into my office to talk. Since both were projected to be first-round NFL draft picks, I thought they were going to tell me they had to do what was best for them and their families, but my instincts were wrong. They told me how good it felt to win national championships in '94 and '95 and how disappointed they were when we didn't win another one in '96. So they wanted to stay one more year, finish things up right and go out as champions. They were two driven players who took it upon themselves to create the vision for that '97 team after we had beaten Virginia Tech a few weeks earlier in the Orange Bowl. Without their leadership and talent, I don't believe that season would have unfolded like it did. Those two really set the tone with exceptional dedication and commitment.

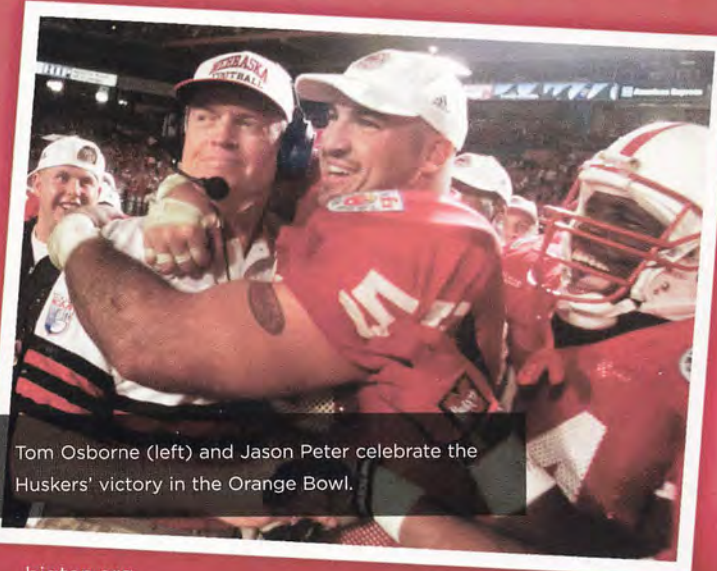
We won all 13 games that season by a 29-point average margin of victory. We had two close calls on the road at Colorado and Missouri, and we beat Texas A&M, 54-15, in the Big 12 Championship. We had a cohesive offensive line with Scott Frost at quarterback, Joel Makovicka at fullback and Ahman Green at running back. Ahman rushed for 206 yards against Tennessee, and Scott scored three touchdowns, allowing us to take control early. We were up 42-9 on a Tennessee team that was blessed with a lot more talent than just Peyton Manning. They had 15 players that went on to play in the NFL, including four first-round draft choices, plus a second-round pick. We had great talent, too. Grant and Jason were first-round draft choices, and 10 of our players from that

team were still playing in the NFL 10 years later.

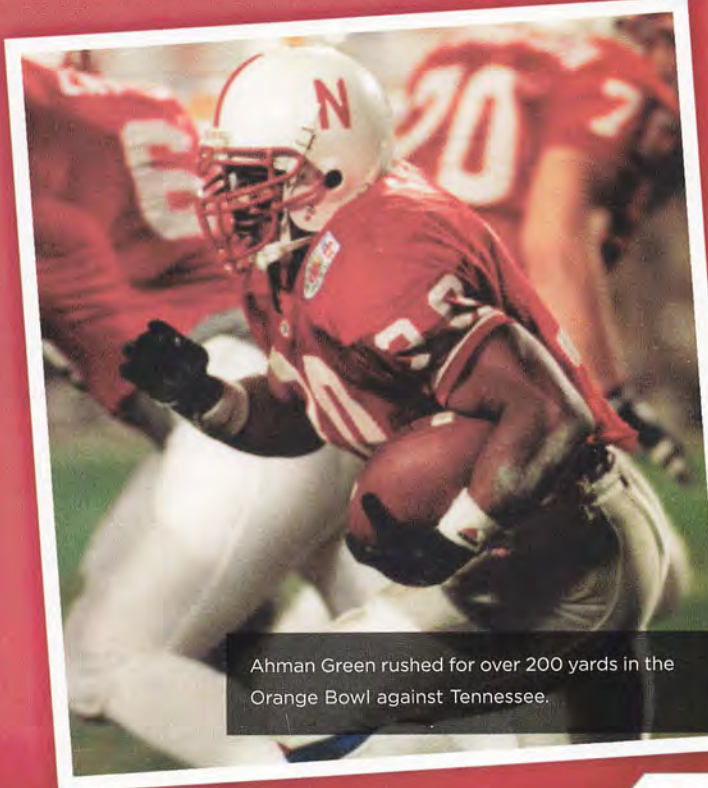
The night before the final game of my career, I mentioned how I thought the door was still cracked for us to win a national championship. In my pregame speech I went beyond that and said that I felt the door wasn't just a little bit open. It was wide open, and I put my hands fairly far apart to show them how wide.

We were playing the No. 3 team in the nation, and I felt if we played a great game, there was little chance this team could be denied. I firmly believed we could come out on top in at least one of the national polls. Fortunately, the coaches looked a little more at the dynamics of the final game and the entire season. In their mind, many thought how they might play both champions, and who would be the most difficult. I know several told me that we would be the team they would least like to play if given that opportunity.

Some believe the coaches' vote might have been a sentimental one because I was retiring and the Orange Bowl completed 25 years as head coach and a 36-year total coaching career at Nebraska. I would hope that was not the case as each team should be evaluated on its own merits and sentiment should not determine anyone's vote. I was, however, appreciative that my fellow coaches felt we deserved a No. 1 ranking at season's end. I'm fairly certain that Nebraska and Michigan will still be debating this topic 25 years from now and beyond, and that's probably not a bad thing because both schools can now say that 100 percent of the 1997 national championship belongs to the Big Ten Conference.



Tom Osborne (left) and Jason Peter celebrate the Huskers' victory in the Orange Bowl.



Ahman Green rushed for over 200 yards in the Orange Bowl against Tennessee.

GAME CHANGER

Celebrating five years on the air, BTN alters media landscape, and provides a blueprint for others

By John Ourand

When the Big Ten Conference launched its own network in 2007, it started a sports media trend that still is going strong today.

Five years after BTN's launch, virtually every college conference has developed plans to launch its own television network. Even some individual colleges, like the University of Texas and the University of Oklahoma, are capitalizing on it, having started television networks on their own.

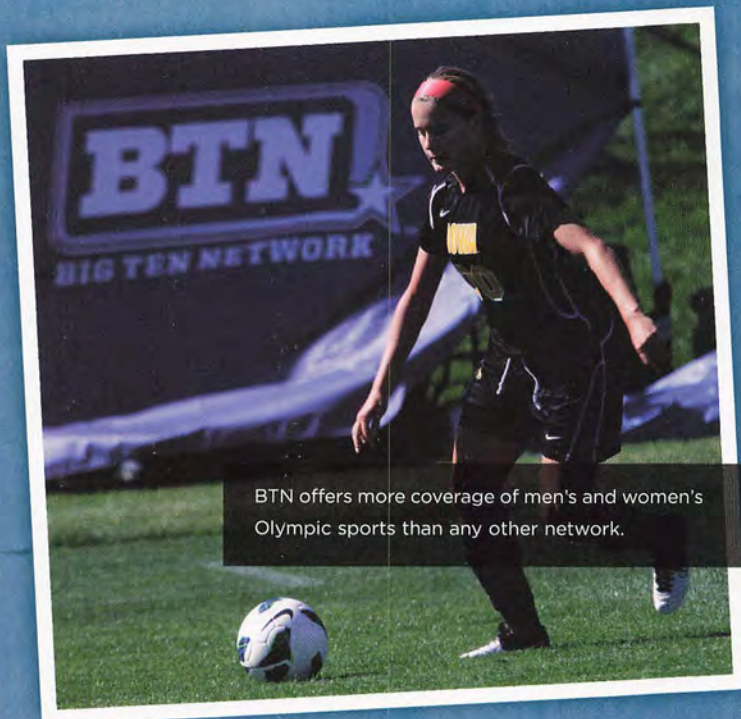
The first major college conference to launch, Big Ten Network still is providing the blueprint for how those other conferences and teams can handle their media rights.

The strategy seems obvious today. Television networks are part of the media portfolios of all of the biggest professional sports leagues and the major college conferences.

But the idea that the Big Ten Conference would launch its own TV network seemed particularly far-fetched in 2006, when the conference first announced plans to operate the Big Ten Network. At the time, cable operators believed that ESPN carried enough Big Ten programming to satisfy their customers.

They were wrong. Today, the channel is on virtually every cable, satellite and telco system in the Big Ten territory, creating a media landscape that seemed unimaginable five years ago. BTN President Mark Silverman credits the patience and resolve of the network's owners, the conference and the Fox Sports Media Group during those early days with the network's success.

Big Ten Commissioner Jim Delany first began considering a network as early as 2004. Two years later, in the summer of 2006, the Big Ten set up a 20-year joint venture with Fox Networks to start a national network around the Big Ten brand.



BTN offers more coverage of men's and women's Olympic sports than any other network.

Delany viewed a network as a way for the conference to control its own media rights. A conference-owned network would give all Big Ten schools a national platform for football and basketball games not typically seen on television at the time and a chance to showcase Olympic sports.

Big Ten Football and Beyond is one of several BTN studio shows focused on football. From left are analyst Gerry DiNardo, *Chicago Tribune's* Teddy Greenstein, analyst Chris Martin and lead studio host Dave Revsine.



BTN landed its first deal with satellite operator DirecTV, helping the channel become the first network in cable or satellite TV history to reach 30 million homes in 30 days. By the beginning of the 2008 football season, BTN could be seen by virtually everyone with a cable, satellite or telco subscription throughout the Big Ten's home markets. Elsewhere in the country, the channel was available on different packages, giving the network a true national footprint.

Each year, the network carries more than 40 football games, including at least two from each school. It carries more than 105 men's basketball and 55 women's basketball games. As part of its mission, BTN annually features more than 400 women's events.

Most of the network's programming comes from sports that historically had not been part of TV networks' program schedules. All told, the network produces 650 events on television. More are streamed online. This year, the network plans to air more than 900 high-definition events across all platforms.

To produce these games, the network has a trained staff on each of the conference's campuses and fills many production roles with students. BTN set up an initiative called Student U, that lets Big Ten students produce many of the games. Since 2009, BTN's schedule has featured events produced and announced by students looking to get a start in television.



BTN sideline reporter Jay Wilson catches up with Wisconsin head coach Bret Bielema after a Badger victory. (David Stluka, UW Athletic Communications)

Since its launch five years ago, every major college conference has looked into seeing if it can duplicate the Big Ten's success. The Pac-12 launched its network in August 2012. The ACC, Big East and SEC appear likely to roll out some sort of network in the next few years. And Big 12 schools, like Texas and Oklahoma, have unveiled their networks.

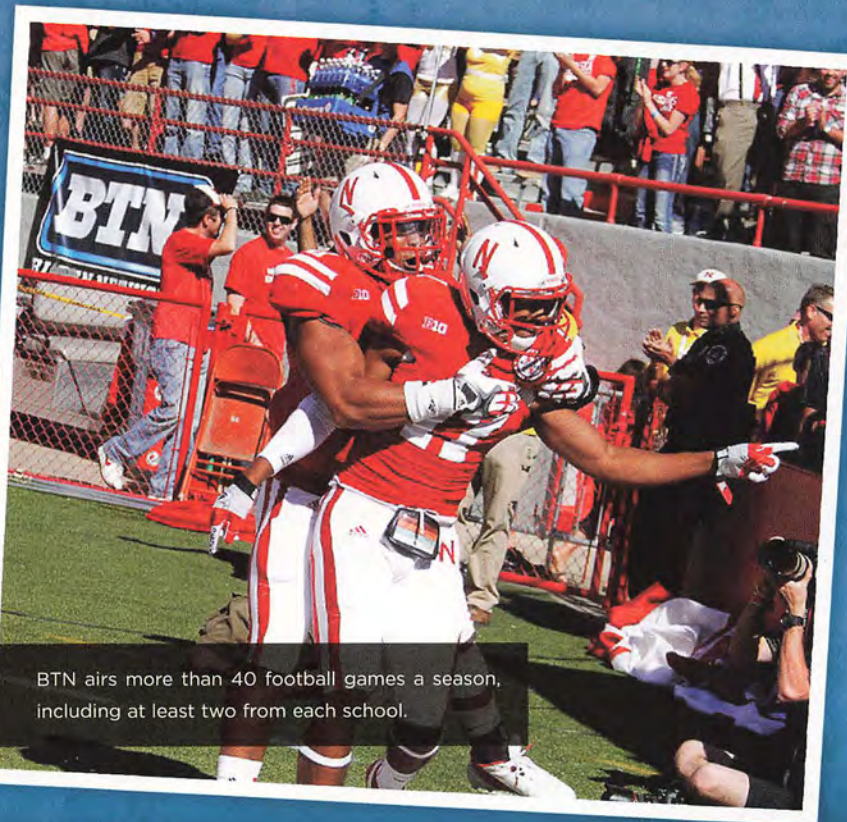
BTN's success also has emboldened professional teams to launch their own channels. These teams saw that powerful brands — like the Big Ten and its member schools — would find an audience. In the NBA, for example, both the Los Angeles Lakers and Houston Rockets currently are following BTN's formula. Both teams launched new networks on Oct. 1, 2012.

As BTN evolves beyond a traditional TV network, executives are focused on new ways to grow the business. They are now focused on its BTN2Go streaming product, as well as the evolution of the Big Ten Digital Network.

Launched in 2011, BTN2Go allows cable, satellite and telco customers to watch BTN programming on computers, tablets and smart phones. The Big Ten Digital Network, also launched in 2011, allows Big Ten fans to see archived and live streaming events. Both strategies are consistent with the cable industry initiative called TV Everywhere, which allows people to see BTN programming on any device.

BTN is also focused on growing its business internationally. That doesn't mean launching networks in different markets. Rather, it means allowing international users to access its BTN2Go product for a fee in non-U.S. markets.

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BTN airs more than 40 football games a season, including at least two from each school.



ROSE BOWL GAME & BOWL PARTNERS

Conference teams and fans will once again set their sights on Pasadena, as this year's Big Ten bowl lineup features the Tournament of Roses and the 99th Rose Bowl Game. The 2013 Rose Bowl Game presented by VIZIO will be held on Jan. 1 with ESPN televising the game at its traditional 4:30 p.m. EST time slot.

The Rose Bowl Game will host the champions of the Big Ten and Pac-12 Conferences unless one of those teams is ranked No. 1 or 2 in the final Bowl Championship Series (BCS) standings. In that case, that team will move to the BCS National Championship Game and the Rose Bowl Game would select a replacement from the BCS pool of eligible teams, which could include another team from the Big Ten or Pac-12.

Like most long-standing traditions, the Rose Bowl Game has come full circle. Since the pact was initiated in 1946, the Big Ten and Pac-12



Purdue head coach Jack Mollenkopf guided the Boilermakers to a victory over USC in the 1967 Rose Bowl Game.



Wisconsin took part in its second straight Rose Bowl Game in January 2012.

have nearly established parity in the Rose Bowl Game win-loss column, with the Pac-12 holding a narrow 32-29 advantage. In the Big Ten's last 10 appearances (from 2000 through 2012), six different conference teams have participated in the Rose Bowl Game.

On November 19, 1946, the Pacific Coast (now the Pac-12) and Western (Big Ten) Conferences, along with the Pasadena Tournament of Roses

Association, agreed to an exclusive Rose Bowl Game contract. The two conferences had met twice before in a Rose Bowl Game, including a Michigan victory in the inaugural event in 1902 and an Ohio State loss in 1921.

It remains the oldest college football agreement between two of the nation's top conferences.



Michigan State's Walt Kowalczyk rushed for a game-high 88 yards to help the Spartans defeat UCLA, 17-14, in the 1956 Rose Bowl Game.

BIG TEN BOWL LINEUP



**Little Caesars
Pizza Bowl**
Dec. 26, 2012
7:30 p.m. ET
ESPN
Detroit, Mich.
Big Ten vs. MAC



**Meineke Car
Care Bowl of
Texas**
Dec. 28, 2012
9 p.m. ET
ESPN
Houston, Texas
Big Ten vs. Big 12



**Buffalo Wild
Wings Bowl**
Dec. 29, 2012
10:15 p.m. ET
ESPN
Tempe, Ariz.
Big Ten vs. Big 12



**Heart of Dallas
Bowl**
Jan. 1, 2013
Noon ET
ESPN
Dallas, Texas
Big Ten vs. Big 12
or C-USA



**TaxSlayer.com
Gator Bowl**
Jan. 1, 2013
Noon ET
ESPN2
Jacksonville, Fla.
Big Ten vs. SEC



Outback Bowl
Jan. 1, 2013
1 p.m. ET
ESPN
Tampa, Fla.
Big Ten vs. SEC



**Capital One
Bowl**
Jan. 1, 2013
1 p.m. ET
ABC
Orlando, Fla.
Big Ten vs. SEC



**Rose Bowl
Game**
Jan. 1, 2013
4:30 p.m. ET
ESPN
Pasadena, Calif.
Big Ten vs.
Pac-12/BCS

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THE BIG TEN TROPHIES

With a 117-year history, the Big Ten has had the privilege of witnessing some of the greatest student-athletes and coaches ever in intercollegiate athletics. The conference has more Heisman Trophy winners than any conference in the nation with 19 and 221 student-athletes or coaches in the College Football Hall of Fame. The distinguished names on these football awards honor just a small sampling of the countless student-athletes and coaches whose hard work and dedication have contributed to the Big Ten's rich and storied history.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAMERS

Chicago (9)

Walter Eckersall, QB, 1951
Amos Alonzo Stagg, Coach, 1951
Jay Berwanger, HB, 1954
Paul Desjardien, C, 1955
Andy Wyant, G/C, 1962
Clark Shaughnessy, Coach, 1968
Walter Steffen, QB, 1969
Clarence Herschberger, FB, 1970
Bob Maxwell, G, 1974

Illinois (15)

Harold Grange, HB, 1951
Ed Hall, Coach, 1951
Bob Zupke, Coach, 1951
Alex Agase, G, 1963
George Woodruff, Coach, 1963
Charles Carney, E, 1966
Buddy Young, HB, 1968
Bart Macomber, HB, 1972
J.C. Caroline, HB, 1980
Bernie Shively, G, 1982
Dick Butkus, C/LB, 1983
Bob Blackman, Coach, 1987
Al Brosky, S, 1988
Jim Grabowski, FB, 1995
David Williams, WR, 2005

Indiana (6)

Zora Clevenger, HB, 1968
Bill Ingram, Coach, 1973
Pete Pihos, E/FB, 1966
George Taliaferro, HB, 1981
John Tavener, C, 1990
Anthony Thompson, RB, 2007

Iowa (14)

Howard Jones, Coach, 1951
Nile Kinnick, HB, 1951
Duke Slater, T, 1951
Gordon Locke, FB, 1960
Eddie Anderson, Coach, 1971
Aubrey Devine, QB, 1973
Slip Madigan, Coach, 1974
Calvin Jones, G, 1980
Alex Karras, T, 1991
Randy Duncan, QB, 1997
Chuck Long, QB, 1999
Forest Evashevski, Coach, 2000
Hayden Fry, Coach, 2003
Larry Station, LB, 2009

Michigan (35)

Bennie Friedman, QB, 1951
Adolph Schultz, C, 1951
Fielding Yost, Coach, 1951
Fritz Crisler, Coach, 1954

Tom Harmon, HB, 1954
William Heston, HB, 1954
Bennie Oosterbaan, E, 1954
George Little, Coach, 1955
Tad Wieman, Coach, 1956
Harry Kipke, HB, 1958
Neil Snow, E, 1960
Francis Wistert, T, 1967
Albert Wistert, T, 1968
Albert Benbrook, G, 1971
John Maulbetsch, HB, 1973
Elroy Hirsch, HB, 1974
Harry Newman, QB, 1975
Ron Kramer, E, 1978
Alvin Wistert, T, 1981
Merv Pregulman, T/C, 1982
Ernie Vick, C, 1983
Bob Westfall, FB, 1987
Bob Chappuis, HB, 1988
Bump Elliott, HB, 1989
Ron Johnson, HB, 1992
Bo Schembechler, Coach, 1993
Pete Elliott, QB, 1994
Dan Dierdorf, T, 2000
Anthony Carter, WR, 2001
Reggie McKenzie, G, 2002
Jim Mandich, TE, 2004
Tom Curtis, DB, 2005
Dave Brown, DB, 2007
Desmond Howard, WR, 2010
Lloyd Carr, Coach, 2011

Michigan State (10)

Clarence Munn, Coach, 1959
John Pingel, HB, 1968
Charlie Bachman, Coach, 1978
Don Coleman, T, 1975
Duffy Daugherty, Coach, 1984
George Webster, LB, 1987
Charles Smith, DE, 1988
Frank Waters, Coach, 2000
Brad Van Pelt, DB, 2001
Gene Washington, WR, 2011

Minnesota (22)

Bronko Nagurski, T/FB, 1951
Henry Williams, Coach, 1951
Bert Baston, E, 1954
Fritz Crisler, Coach, 1954
Herb Joesting, FB, 1954
Ed Widseth, T, 1954
Bernie Bierman, Coach, 1955
Dick Wildung, T, 1957
Francis Lund, HB, 1958
John McGovern, QB, 1966
Eddie Rogers, E, 1968
Bobby Marshall, E, 1971
Bruce Smith, HB, 1972
Paul Giel, HB, 1975
Leo Nomellini, T, 1977
Clayton Tonnemaker, C, 1980

Bobby Bell, T, 1991
George Franck, HB, 2002
Tom Brown, G, 2003
Carl Eller, T, 2006
Lou Holtz, Coach, 2008
Sandy Stephens, QB, 2011

Nebraska (21)

Dana Bible, Coach, 1951
Ed Weir, T, 1951
Fielding Yost, Coach, 1951
Lawrence McCeney Jones, Coach, 1954
George Sauer, FB, 1954
E.N. Robinson, Coach, 1955
Guy Chamberlin, E, 1962
Clarence Swanson, E, 1973
Sam Francis, FB, 1977
Bob Devaney, Coach, 1981
Bobby Reynolds, HB, 1984
Forrest Behm, T, 1988
Wayne Meylan, G, 1991
Bob Brown, G, 1993
Rich Glover, G, 1995
Dave Rimington, C, 1997
Tom Osborne, Coach, 1998
Johnny Rodgers, WR, 2000
Mike Rozier, RB, 2006
Grant Wistrom, DE, 2009
Will Shields, G, 2011

Northwestern (15)

Otto Graham, HB, 1956
Alex Agase, Coach, 1963
Lynn Waldorf, Coach, 1966
Jimmy Johnson, QB, 1969
Paddy Driscoll, HB, 1974
Charlie Bachman, Coach, 1978
Ernest Rentner, HB, 1979
Ara Parseghian, Coach, 1980
Ralph Baker, HB, 1981
Steve Reid, G, 1985
Jack Riley, T, 1988
Edgar Manske, E, 1989
Ron Burton, B, 1990
Alex Sarkisian, C, 1998
Pat Fitzgerald, LB, 2008

Ohio State (29)

Charles Harley, FB, 1951
Howard Jones, Coach, 1951
Wes Fesler, E, 1954
John Wilce, Coach, 1954
Les Horvath, HB, 1969
Francis Schmidt, Coach, 1971
Bill Willis, T, 1971
Gaylord Stinchcomb, HB, 1973
Jim Parker, G, 1974
Gust Zarnas, G, 1975
Vic Janowicz, HB, 1976
Jim Daniell, T, 1977

Gomer Jones, C, 1978
Howard Cassady, HB, 1979
Woody Hayes, Coach, 1983
Warren Ameling, G/T, 1984
Archie Griffin, RB, 1986
Aurelius Thomas, G, 1989
Jim Stillwagon, MG, 1991
Bob Ferguson, FB, 1996
Randy Gradishar, LB, 1998
John Hicks, OT, 2001
Earl Bruce, Coach, 2002
Jack Tatum, DB, 2004
Jim Houston, E, 2005
Rex Kern, QB, 2007
John Cooper, Coach, 2008
Chris Spielman, LB, 2009
Eddie George, RB, 2011

Penn State (22)

Hugo Bezdek, Coach, 1954
Dick Harlow, Coach, 1954
Bob Higgins, Coach, 1954
Pete Mauthe, HB, 1957
Glenn Killinger, QB, 1971
Rip Engle, Coach, 1973
Harry Wilson, HB, 1973
Shorty Miller, QB, 1974
Dexter Very, E, 1976
Steve Suhey, G, 1985
Richie Lucas, QB, 1986
Mike Reid, DT, 1987
Ted Kwalick, TE, 1989
Jack Ham, LB, 1990
John Cappelletti, HB, 1993

Dennis Onkotz, LB, 1995
Dave Robinson, E, 1997
Glenn Ressler, C/G, 2001
Lydell Mitchell, RB, 2004
Keith Dorney, OT, 2005
Joe Paterno, Coach, 2006
Curt Warner, RB, 2009

Purdue (13)

Andy Smith, Coach, 1951
Elmer Oliphant, HB, 1955
Alex Agase, G, 1963
Cecil Isbell, HB, 1967
Jim Phelan, Coach, 1973
Bob Griese, QB, 1984
Jack Mollenkopf, Coach, 1988
Bump Elliott, HB, 1989
Leroy Keyes, HB, 1990
Jim Young, Coach, 1999
Mike Phipps, QB, 2006
Mark Herrmann, QB, 2010
Otis Armstrong, HB, 2012

Wisconsin (10)

George Little, Coach, 1955
Dave Schreiner, E, 1955
Pat O'Dea, FB, 1962
Robert Butler, T, 1972
Elroy Hirsch, HB, 1974
Alan Ameche, FB, 1975
Martin Below, T, 1988
Pat Harder, FB, 1993
Pat Richter, E, 1996
Barry Alvarez, Coach, 2010

HEISMAN TROPHY WINNERS

1935 Jay Berwanger, QB, CHI
1939 Nile Kinnick, HB, IOWA
1940 Tom Harmon, HB, MICH
1941 Bruce Smith, HB, MINN
1944 Les Horvath, HB, OSU
1950 Vic Janowicz, HB, OSU
1954 Alan Ameche, FB, WIS
1955 Howard Cassady, HB, OSU
1972 Johnny Rodgers, WR, NEB
1973 John Cappelletti, RB, PSU
1974 Archie Griffin, HB, OSU
1975 Archie Griffin, HB, OSU
1983 Mike Rozier, RB, NEB
1991 Desmond Howard, SE, MICH
1995 Eddie George, RB, OSU
1997 Charles Woodson, CB, MICH
1999 Ron Dayne, RB, WIS
2001 Eric Crouch, QB, NEB
2006 Troy Smith, QB, OSU

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BIG TEN TROPHIES

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2011 CHAMPION

WISCONSIN BADGERS

The inaugural Big Ten Football Championship Game featured two of the most dynamic teams in the conference in 2011. In two meetings last season, Michigan State and Wisconsin combined for 149 points and a pair of dramatic finishes.

Last year's inaugural game was a back-and-forth affair. Wisconsin took a 21-7 first-quarter lead, while Michigan State rallied for 22 unanswered points in the second quarter for a 29-21 halftime advantage. Touchdowns by each team in the third-quarter led to the dramatic finish.

Wisconsin's Montee Ball scored the first of his two fourth-quarter touchdowns, cutting the Spartan lead to 36-34. A Michigan State field goal midway through the fourth increased its lead to 39-34, forcing Wisconsin to think end zone if it was to take the lead.

Badgers quarterback Russell Wilson led his team on the game-winning drive, highlighted by a 36-yard completion to Jeff Duckworth on fourth down to put Wisconsin deep in Michigan State territory. Ball scored the clinching touchdown with just under four minutes to play, sending the Badgers back to Pasadena with a 42-39 win in the inaugural championship game.



AMOS ALONZO STAGG, Chicago
(1892-1932)

A coaching pioneer in several sports, Amos Alonzo Stagg coached football at the University of Chicago from 1892-1932, leading the Maroons to national championships in 1905 and 1913. He also coached basketball at the school for one season and was the head baseball coach for 19 seasons. At Chicago, Stagg compiled a 199-94-22 record while the school was a member of the Big Ten, and that wins total ranks second among all Big Ten coaches. His 116 wins in Big Ten games ranks third, and his seven conference titles ties him for fifth. Stagg has been inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. On the basketball court, Stagg developed the game as a five-player sport and was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in 1959 as a member of the Hall's first class. Stagg's name graces two high schools in the United States, and the NCAA Division III Football Championship Game, the Stagg Bowl, is named in his honor.

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GRANGE-GRIFFIN CHAMPIONSHIP GAME MVP

2011 RECIPIENT



RED GRANGE, Illinois (1923-1925) Halfback
Harold Edward "Red" Grange was a three-time consensus All-American, won the inaugural Silver Football Award in 1924, and was inducted into College Football's inaugural Hall of Fame class in 1951.



ARCHIE GRIFFIN, Ohio State (1972-1975) Running Back
Archie Griffin is the only player to win back-to-back Heisman Trophies and is a member of the College Football, Rose Bowl and Ohio State Halls of Fame. He guided the Buckeyes to four consecutive Big Ten titles and holds numerous school records.

RUSSELL WILSON, WISCONSIN

The senior quarterback earned championship game MVP honors after completing 17-of-24 passes for 187 yards and three touchdowns in leading Wisconsin to a victory in the inaugural game. Highlighted by a 36-yard strike to Jeff Duckworth on fourth down late in the game to keep the Badgers hopes of a Big Ten Championship alive, Wilson had a 177.5 efficiency rating in the game.



FORD-KINNICK LEADERSHIP AWARD

2011 RECIPIENT



GERALD FORD, Michigan (1932-1934)
Following his standout career as a Wolverine, Gerald Ford had offers to play professionally, but devoted his work to community service. Ford enlisted in the Navy, where he served for five years. He became involved with politics, and served as the 38th President of the United States.



NILE KINNICK, Iowa (1937-1939)
Nile Kinnick not only won the 1939 Heisman Trophy, he was senior class president and a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the national scholastic honor society. He joined the Naval Air Corps just days before the attack on Pearl Harbor, and died on a training mission in 1943.

ARCHIE GRIFFIN, OHIO STATE

The only two-time Heisman Trophy winner, Griffin created the Archie Griffin Scholarship Fund, which benefits Ohio State's Olympic sports programs. With his wife, Bonita, he formed the Archie and Bonita Griffin Foundation Fund which helps develop sports, educational and travel programs for youth in Central Ohio. He is a member of the ADA's Advocacy Leadership Council advisory board and serves as the honorary chair of the Diversity Enhancement Program for the James Cancer Hospital and Research Institute.



DUNGY-THOMPSON HUMANITARIAN AWARD

2011 RECIPIENT



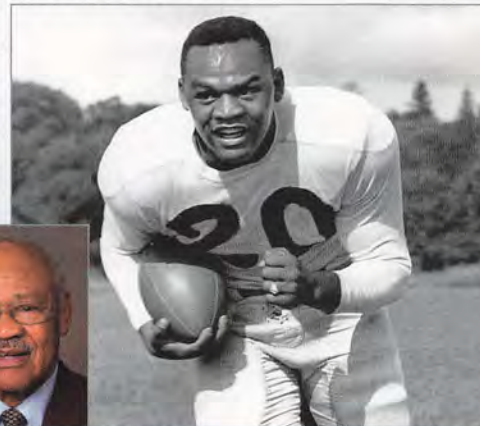
TONY DUNGY, Minnesota (1973-1976)
Tony Dungy played five years in the NFL before getting into coaching, and in 2007, became the first African-American coach to win a Super Bowl. He supports numerous non-profit organizations such as Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Boys and Girls Club, and Prison Crusade Ministry.



ANTHONY THOMPSON, Indiana (1986-1989)
Anthony Thompson, a two-time consensus All-American, has held Bible study sessions for the Indiana football team, and assisted former Hoosier coach Terry Hoepfner during his battle with brain cancer. He currently works with the Indiana Varsity Club and serves as a pastor at a local Bloomington church.

GEORGE TALIAFERRO, INDIANA

Taliaferro was a three-time All-American and guided the Hoosiers to the program's first Big Ten Championship in 1945. Taliaferro assisted Indiana President Herman B. Wells and developed the university's Affirmative Action Plan. The winner of the 2011 National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame Distinguished American Award, he served on the Board of Directors of the Monroe County Chapter of Big Brothers Big Sisters. He is the Chairman Emeritus of the Children's Organ Transplant Association.





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HAYES-SCHEMBECHLER COACH OF THE YEAR (COACHES VOTE)

2011 RECIPIENT



WOODY HAYES, Ohio State
(1951-1978)

The winningest head football coach in Ohio State history, Wayne Woodrow "Woody" Hayes led the Buckeyes to a conference-record 205 wins during his tenure. Hayes reeled in five national championships and 13 Big Ten titles, including six in a row between 1972 and 1977.



BO SCHEMBECHLER, Michigan
(1969-1990)

Glenn Edward "Bo" Schembechler amassed a record of 194-48-5 and is the all-time leader in winning percentage in Big Ten games (.850), guiding his teams to a 143-24-3 mark. He is tied with Hayes for the most Big Ten titles with 13.

BRADY HOKE, MICHIGAN

In his debut season in Ann Arbor, Hoke guided Michigan to an 11-win season, capped by a victory over Virginia Tech in the Allstate Sugar Bowl. With three offensive players earning first- or second-team All-Big Ten honors last season, Hoke produced one of the top offenses in the conference, averaging 33.3 points per game. He also coached David Molk to the Rimington Trophy as the nation's best center.



DAVE McCLAIN COACH OF THE YEAR (MEDIA VOTE)

2011 RECIPIENT



DAVE McCLAIN, Wisconsin
(1978-1985)

Dave McClain was the head coach at Wisconsin for eight seasons, guiding the Badgers to 46 victories, including four straight seven-win seasons. Under his watch, Wisconsin went to three bowl games, including the program's first bowl victory in the 1982 Independence Bowl. Following his death in April 1986, McClain's name was immortalized on the Wisconsin campus when the Dave McClain Athletic Facility was built in his memory. He was inducted into the Wisconsin Athletic Hall of Fame in 2011.

BRADY HOKE, MICHIGAN

Under Hoke, the Wolverines became a fixture in the top 25 rankings in 2011, finishing the season ranked ninth in the coaches poll. Hoke immediately put his stamp on the Michigan defense, which finished the season ranked second in the Big Ten in scoring, allowing just 17.4 points per game, and forced 29 turnovers on the season. Hoke capped the regular season with a victory over Ohio State, Michigan's first win in the annual series since 2003.



GRAHAM-GEORGE OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

2011 RECIPIENT



OTTO GRAHAM, Northwestern
(1941-1943)

Otto Graham was a multi-sport star at Northwestern, playing football, baseball and basketball. During his senior year, Graham finished third in the Heisman Trophy voting and was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1956.



EDDIE GEORGE, Ohio State
(1992-1995)

Eddie George closed out his record-breaking Buckeye career by reeling in the 1995 Heisman Trophy, Doak Walker Award and Maxwell Award, along with being named the Walter Camp National Player of the Year and Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year.

MONTEE BALL, WISCONSIN

A consensus All-American, Ball rewrote the Big Ten single-season record books in 2011, compiling one of the greatest seasons in conference history. He shattered the conference single-season scoring record with 236 points, 80 points ahead of the previous record holders, while his 39 total touchdowns were 13 more than the previous mark. Overall, he rushed for 1,923 yards and 33 scores en route to being named a Heisman Trophy finalist.



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NAGURSKI-WOODSON DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

2011 RECIPIENT



BRONKO NAGURSKI, Minnesota (1927-1929)

Bronislau "Bronko" Nagurski was a three-time All-American during his career in Minnesota, and a consensus All-American as a senior. One of college football's postseason awards bears his name, as the Bronko Nagurski Award is presented annually to the nation's outstanding defensive player.

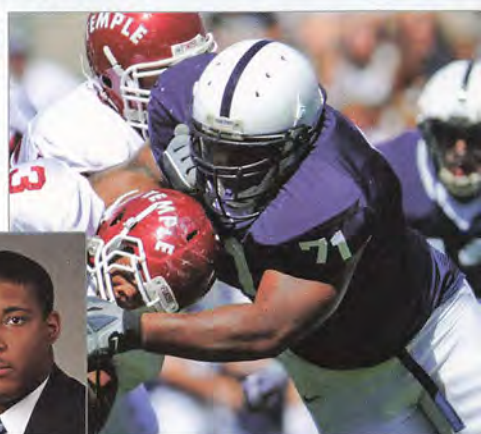


CHARLES WOODSON, Michigan (1995-1997)

Charles Woodson played three seasons at Michigan, becoming the first primarily defensive player to win the Heisman Trophy in leading Michigan to a national championship in 1997. That year, he also won the Walter Camp, Chuck Bednarik, Bronko Nagurski and Jim Thorpe awards.

DEVON STILL, PENN STATE

Stats do not give the full indication of Still's importance to the Nittany Lion defense in 2011. Finishing with 17 tackles for loss while recording 4.5 sacks a season ago, Still constantly faced double teams throughout the year. He served as the anchor of the Penn State defense, which led the conference in points allowed. Still was a finalist for the Bednarik and Nagurski Awards and the Outland Trophy.



THOMPSON-RANDLE EL FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

2011 RECIPIENT



DARRELL THOMPSON, Minnesota (1986-1989)

Darrell Thompson was named the inaugural Big Ten Freshman of the Year in 1986 when he earned first-team All-Big Ten honors while leading the conference in rushing. He set a school single-season record with 1,376 rushing yards on 242 attempts in 1986.



ANTWAAN RANDLE EL, Indiana (1998-2001)

As a Hoosier, Antwaan Randle El was the first player in NCAA Division I history to pass for 40 touchdowns and rush for 40 touchdowns in a career. He was also the first player in college football history to record 2,500 total yards in four consecutive years.

BRAXTON MILLER, OHIO STATE

After assuming the starting quarterback duties midway through the season, Miller instantly became the focal point of the Buckeye offense. Despite starting only nine games during the 2011 season, Miller appeared in the conference's top 10 after averaging 156 yards of total offense per game. With 12 touchdowns over his last six games, Miller proved to be Ohio State's quarterback of the future.



GRIESE-BREES QUARTERBACK OF THE YEAR

2011 RECIPIENT



BOB GRIESE, Purdue (1964-1966)

Bob Griese recorded a 27-7-1 record in his three seasons as starting quarterback and was a consensus All-American as a junior in 1965. During his senior year, he was runner-up in the 1966 Heisman Trophy voting and led the school to its first Rose Bowl appearance.



DREW BREES, Purdue (1997-2000)

Drew Brees was a two-time Heisman Trophy finalist, a two-time first-team All-Big Ten selection and won the 2000 Maxwell Award as a senior. In his final season, Brees led Purdue to its first Big Ten Championship and Rose Bowl Game appearance since Griese did so in 1967.

RUSSELL WILSON, WISCONSIN

Wilson had a record-setting season as the Badgers starting signal caller, shattering the Big Ten and NCAA pass efficiency records with a 191.8 rating. In 309 attempts, he was intercepted just four times, while throwing for 3,175 yards and 33 touchdowns. He was named a first-team All-Big Ten performer, and led Wisconsin to a second-straight Big Ten Championship and Rose Bowl Game appearance.





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AMECHE-DAYNE RUNNING BACK OF THE YEAR

2011 RECIPIENT



ALAN AMECHE, Wisconsin
(1951-1954)

Alan Ameche won the 1954 Heisman Trophy, becoming the first Badger to win the award. He was a three-time first-team All-Big Ten selection, earned consensus All-America honors as a senior and led the Badgers to their first Rose Bowl Game appearance in 1952.

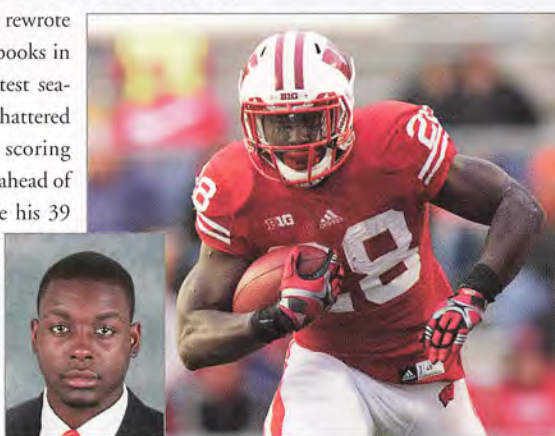


RON DAYNE, Wisconsin
(1996-1999)

Ron Dayne, the 1999 Heisman Trophy winner, is the fourth player in NCAA history to gain more than 1,000 yards in all four seasons. He owns the NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision rushing record for total yards in a career (7,125).

MONTEE BALL, WISCONSIN

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RICHTER-HOWARD RECEIVER OF THE YEAR

2011 RECIPIENT



PAT RICHTER, Wisconsin
(1960-1962)

Pat Richter was a nine-time letterwinner in football, basketball and baseball, was named a two-time first-team All-Big Ten selection in football and a consensus All-American in 1962. Richter returned to Wisconsin as athletic director in 1989 to oversee the renovation of Camp Randall Stadium.

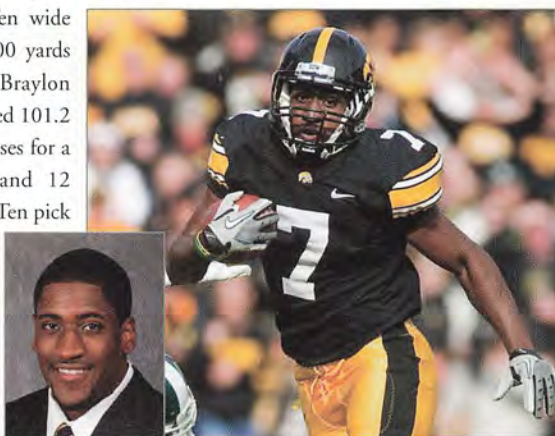


DESMOND HOWARD, Michigan
(1989-1991)

Desmond Howard set or tied five NCAA and 12 Michigan records in his career. He led the Big Ten in scoring during his Heisman Trophy winning season in 1991, earning 85 percent of first-place votes, the largest margin in the history of the trophy at that time.

MARVIN McNUTT, IOWA

McNutt became the first Big Ten wide receiver to average more than 100 yards per game since Michigan's Braylon Edwards in 2004. McNutt averaged 101.2 yards per game, hauling in 82 passes for a Big Ten-leading 1,315 yards and 12 touchdowns. A first-team All-Big Ten pick by both the coaches and media, McNutt ranked sixth in all-purpose yardage, was named Iowa's co-MVP and ended his career as Iowa's all-time leading receiver.



KWALICK-CLARK TIGHT END OF THE YEAR

2011 RECIPIENT



TED KWALICK, Penn State
(1966-1968)

Ted Kwalick was Penn State's first two-time All-America selection and has been inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. Upon graduation from Penn State, he was the record holder for both receiving yards and touchdowns by a tight end at the school.

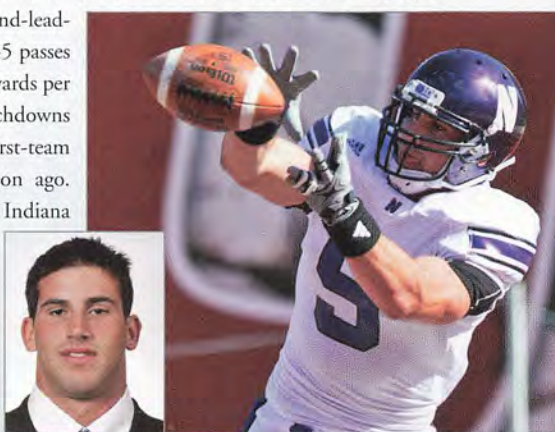


DALLAS CLARK, Iowa
(1999-2002)

In his final season at Iowa, Dallas Clark was the recipient of the 2002 John Mackey Award, presented to the nation's top tight end after beginning his career as a linebacker. He was named a unanimous All-American and first-team All-Big Ten as a senior.

DRAKE DUNSMORE, NORTHWESTERN

Dunsmore was the Wildcats' second-leading receiver a year ago, catching 45 passes for 522 yards, an average of 11.6 yards per reception. The senior had six touchdowns on the year, and was a consensus first-team All-Conference performer a season ago. He enjoyed a career day against Indiana last season, finishing with 112 yards and four touchdowns, the first of a Northwestern four-game winning streak late in the year to help the Wildcats to their fourth-straight bowl game.





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RIMINGTON-PACE OFFENSIVE LINEMAN OF THE YEAR

2011 RECIPIENT



DAVE RIMINGTON, Nebraska
(1979-1982)

Dave Rimington was a consensus All-American as a junior and senior, years in which he won the Outland Trophy and the Lombardi Award. College football annually honors the nation's best center with the Rimington Trophy, which was first awarded in 2000.



ORLANDO PACE, Ohio State
(1994-1996)

Orlando Pace started every game of his career at Ohio State, amassing 38 starts at tackle over three seasons. He was named Big Ten Freshman of the Year in 1994 and became the first two-time winner of the Lombardi Award in 1995 and 1996.

DAVID MOLK, MICHIGAN

Earning consensus All-America honors last year, Molk was the anchor of Michigan's offensive line that allowed the Wolverine offense to average 33.3 points and 221.8 rushing yards per game, both the second-best in the conference. A first-team All-Big Ten selection, Molk claimed the Rimington Trophy, which goes to the nation's best center.



SMITH-BROWN DEFENSIVE LINEMAN OF THE YEAR

2011 RECIPIENT



BUBBA SMITH, Michigan State
(1964-1966)

Charles Aaron "Bubba" Smith was a two-time first-team All-Big Ten selection in 1965 and 1966. He earned consensus All-America status the same two years, including unanimous selection in 1966, and is a member of the College Football Hall of Fame.



COURTNEY BROWN, Penn State
(1996-1999)

Courtney Brown played four seasons for Penn State and was a mainstay on the Nittany Lion defensive line. Brown earned Big Ten Defensive Player and Defensive Lineman of the Year honors along with being named a consensus All-American in his senior year in 1999.

DEVON STILL, PENN STATE

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BUTKUS-FITZGERALD LINEBACKER OF THE YEAR

2011 RECIPIENT



DICK BUTKUS, Illinois
(1962-1964)

Dick Butkus was a two-time consensus All-American and finished sixth in the Heisman Trophy voting in 1963 and third in 1964. A two-time first-team All-Big Ten selection, Butkus earned the Chicago Tribune Silver Football Award as the Big Ten's Most Valuable Player in 1963.



PAT FITZGERALD, Northwestern
(1993-1996)

Pat Fitzgerald capped his career by becoming the first player to win the Bednarik and Nagurski awards twice, accomplishing the feat in 1995 and 1996. Fitzgerald was part of back-to-back Big Ten Championship squads and Northwestern's first Rose Bowl Game berth since 1949.

LAVONTE DAVID, NEBRASKA

David totaled 133 tackles a season ago, which ranked third in the Big Ten. Combined with his 5.5 sacks on the season, his resume earned him All-America honors from numerous outlets. A first-team All-Big Ten performer, David helped the Cornhuskers to a nine-win season and a berth in the Capital One Bowl.





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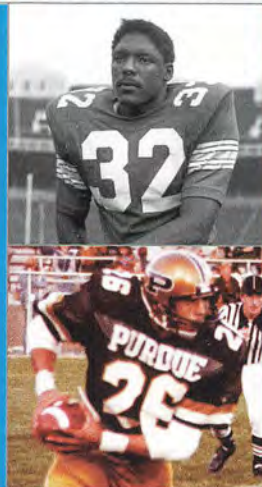


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TATUM-WOODSON DEFENSIVE BACK OF THE YEAR

2011 RECIPIENT



JACK TATUM, Ohio State
(1968-1970)

Jack Tatum was a three-time first-team All-Big Ten selection and a consensus All-American in 1969 and 1970. He was named the 1970 National Defensive Player of the Year and helped guide the Buckeyes to a 27-2 record and one national title in his career.

ROD WOODSON, Purdue
(1983-1986)

Rod Woodson starred for the Boilermakers' football and track teams. On the gridiron, Woodson was a three-time first-team All-Big Ten selection and a consensus All-American in 1986. On the track, he was a two-time All-American in the 55-meter high hurdles.

ALFONZO DENNARD, NEBRASKA

Routinely drawing the opposition's most dangerous receiver, Dennard was one of the conference's top cornerbacks a season ago. He finished the season with 31 tackles and six pass deflections and was part of a Husker defense that limited opposing quarterbacks to a 53.2 completion percentage, the lowest against any conference team defense. In addition, an opposing quarterback rating of 120.4 ranked fourth-best in the conference.



BAKKEN-ANDERSEN KICKER OF THE YEAR

2011 RECIPIENT



JIM BAKKEN, Wisconsin
(1959-1961)

Jim Bakken was Wisconsin's kicker and punter from 1959-61, leading the Big Ten in punting in both the 1960 and 1961 seasons. He played 17 seasons in the NFL, was named to four Pro Bowls, and was voted the NFL Kicker of the Decade for the 1960's.

MORTEN ANDERSEN, Michigan State
(1978-1981)

Morten Andersen had a spectacular career at Michigan State, including setting a conference record for longest field goal (63 yards). He was a first-team All-Big Ten selection as a senior in 1981, and went on to become the NFL's all-time leading scorer.

BRETT MAHER, NEBRASKA

An All-American in 2011, Maher led the conference with 19 made field goals and was second in the Big Ten with an 82.6 conversion rate. He ranked third in scoring among all conference players with 100 points. He was named Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week three times a season ago, tying for second-most in conference single-season history, while also serving as Nebraska's punter.



EDDLEMAN-FIELDS PUNTER OF THE YEAR

2011 RECIPIENT



DIKE EDDLEMAN, Illinois
(1946-1948)

Thomas Dwight "Dike" Eddleman was a three-sport star for Illinois. Eddleman led the Big Ten in punting in 1948 and also punted for the 1947 Illinois Rose Bowl team, and still holds the school records for longest punt and punt return.

BRANDON FIELDS, Michigan State
(2003-2006)

A consensus All-American in 2004, Brandon Fields was a finalist for the Ray Guy Award that season and was a three-time first-team All-Big Ten selection. A four-time Academic All-Big Ten selection, Fields averaged 45.0 yards per punt in his career, ranking third on the Big Ten's career list.

BRETT MAHER, NEBRASKA

Leading the Big Ten with an average of 44.5 yards per punt, Maher was named a first-team All-Conference punter to become the first player to earn first-team All-Big Ten honors as both a kicker and punter since Purdue's Travis Dorsch in 2001. He placed 25 punts inside the 20-yard line, with 20 of his kicks traveling more than 50 yards.





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Indiana Sports Corp was at the forefront of the movement to bring Super Bowl XLVI in 2012 and the inaugural Big Ten Football Championship Game to Indianapolis.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2013 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Regional
- 2013 NCAA Division I Men's & Women's Swimming & Diving Championships
- 2013 NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse Quarterfinals
- 2013 NCAA Women's Rowing Championships
- 2013-2015 Big Ten Football Championship Games
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- 2014-2017 NCAA Swimming & Diving Championships
- 2015 NCAA Men's Final Four
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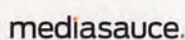


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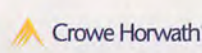
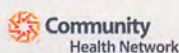
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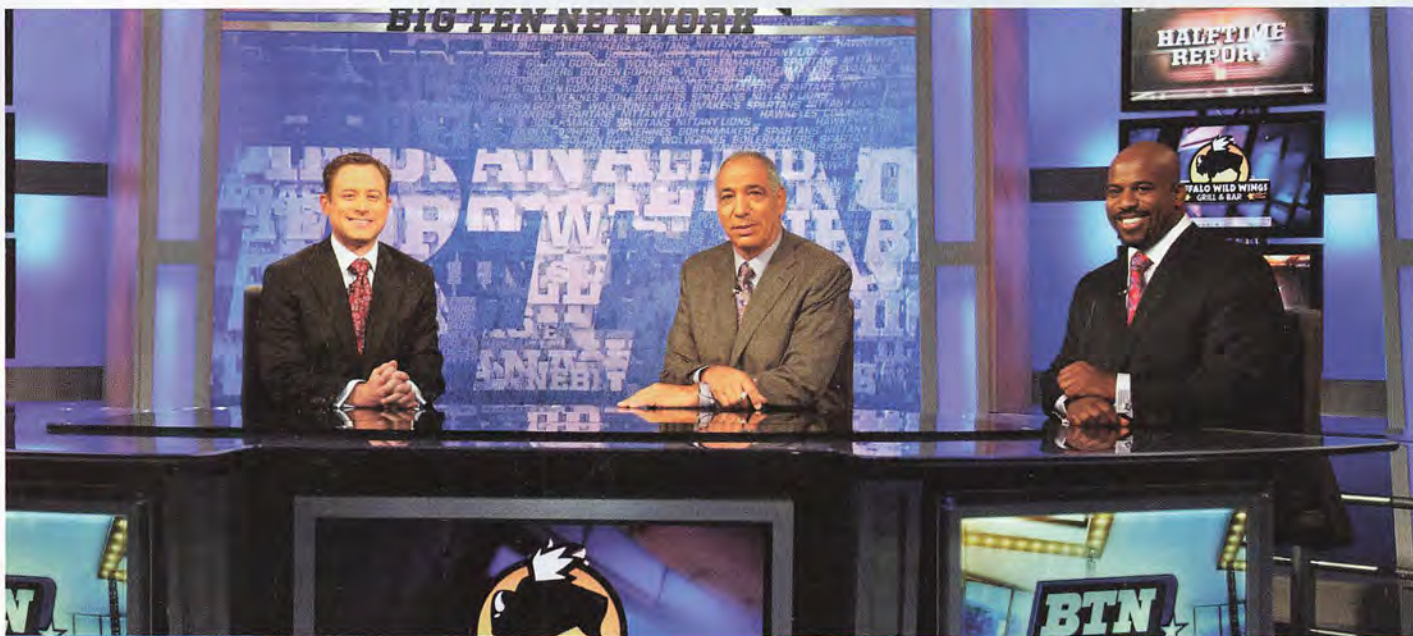
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THE BIG TEN NETWORK

The destination for Big Ten fans across the country



Big Ten Football Saturday is hosted by (L-R) Dave Revsine with analysts Gerry DiNardo, Howard Griffith and Glen Mason (Not pictured).

BTN covers Big Ten sports like no other network. Now in its sixth season, BTN is a 24/7 network that nationally televises more than 650 events and streams hundreds of live events each year. BTN is currently available to more than 90 million homes in the United States and Canada.

PROGRAMMING

Each year, BTN's programming schedule includes approximately 40 football games, 105 regular season men's basketball games, Big Ten Men's Basketball Tournament games, 55 women's basketball games, Big Ten Women's Basketball Tournament games, hundreds of additional Olympic sports events and dozens of Big Ten championship events.

Every BTN football game telecast is surrounded by *Big Ten Football Saturday*, the network's pre-game, halftime and post-game show hosted by Dave Revsine and analysts Gerry DiNardo, Howard Griffith and Glen Mason.

BTN debuted three new programs this fall, including *The Journey: Big Ten Football*, which follows the backstories of Big Ten football student-athletes and coaches on and off the field, *#BTNLive*, a nightly radio show Monday through Friday that is also simulcast on BTN

Tuesdays and Thursdays, and *Big Ten Elite*, a new documentary series that provides the complete story behind seven all-time great football and basketball squads.

The network's fall studio and original programming lineup also includes *BTN Football &*

Beyond, *The Next Level*, *BTN Football Report*, *The Final Drive*, *Big Ten Pulse*, *Tailgate 48* and *BTN LiveBIG*. Upcoming for the basketball season are *Big Ten Basketball & Beyond*, *Big Ten Basketball Report* and the Emmy-nominated series, *The Journey: Big Ten Basketball*. In the spring, BTN will air *The Big Ten Diamond Report*.

BTN2GO & BIG TEN DIGITAL NETWORK

BTN offers two different streaming services, BTN2Go and the Big Ten Digital Network. BTN2Go is a 24/7 simulcast of BTN that delivers live programming to existing BTN subscribers via tablets, smartphones, PCs and Android devices, as well as on-demand access to BTN's deep archive of games and original programming and Extra Football Game Channels. BTN2Go is also available to Big Ten fans living abroad with BTN2Go International, which is available via subscription.

The Big Ten Digital Network streams hundreds of additional untelevised events via subscription and features live game broadcasts, exclusive behind-the-scenes video, game highlights, original programming and press conferences from 25 men's and women's sports across the Big Ten Conference, with additional coverage from conference postseason tournaments and events. Some of BTN's streamed events are also televised on delay as part of the network's groundbreaking Student U initiative, offering Big Ten students a unique opportunity to gain real-world television experience.



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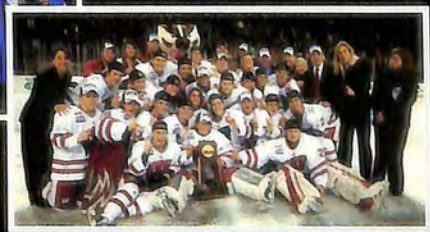
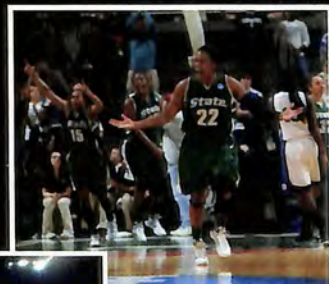
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A photograph of Tony Stewart, head coach of the Indianapolis Colts, celebrating with the Vince Lombardi Trophy. He is wearing a grey hoodie with "CHAMPIONS" and the Colts logo, and a white cap. He is holding the trophy high in his right hand and waving with his left. In the background, fans are visible, some holding up the Colts flag. A banner at the bottom of the photo reads "INDIANAPOLIS COLTS SUPER BOWL".



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